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"REMEMBER
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USE THIS ENTIRE COUPON!!!

JUST PRINT PLAINLY ON THIS COUPON, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AGE AND SEND IT TO ME WITH 10¢ TO COVER COST OF MAILING AND HANDLING

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New York City

DEAR JOE,

PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE **SHIELD G-MAN CLUB**. I AM ENCLOSED THIS COUPON TOGETHER WITH TEN CENTS TO COVER THE COSTS OF HANDLING AND MAILING MY BADGE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
AGE _____



EXACT COPY OF BADGE
IN THREE COLORS
RED-WHITE-BLUE

CUT ON THIS LINE

BULLETIN # 9

A million thanks, gang, from the Hangman and myself because of your sensational response to those cards we sent out to each of our G-Man Club members telling you about the new **SPECIAL COMICS**. Those answers are still pouring in and you've got the Hangman and me working overtime reading them—but we love it.

You can expect another card from us pretty soon giving you an inside tip on a new character in the next issue of **TOP NOTCH COMICS**. The **BLACK HOOD** said he is not going to let you know just yet who he is. He doesn't want to spoil the swell surprise in store for you. In fact he refuses to tell me also. For a solid half hour he had me in his place and kept talking about this strange character. Boy, trying to pry a secret out of that guy is like getting blood out of a turnip. Anyway, he certainly has me all hopped up. I'll be looking forward with just as much eagerness as you will for that June **TOP NOTCH**.

Just one last thought before we close this month's letter. It is about Ace Elworthy's keen idea for local **Shield G-Man Clubs** to be organized in different cities; each club to keep in touch with one another. Ace suggests that these clubs ought to be organized really efficiently with Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, etc. He even suggests dues from the club members. That last part, of course, is entirely up to yourselves. But the idea, in the main, sounds grand to us. I can't think of a better way to spread friendship and goodwill among all our members and to bring us all a little closer together. Besides, it should prove a lot of fun.

Another thing, how about using those extra dimes for government stamps. **REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR**.

Joe Higgins (The Shield)

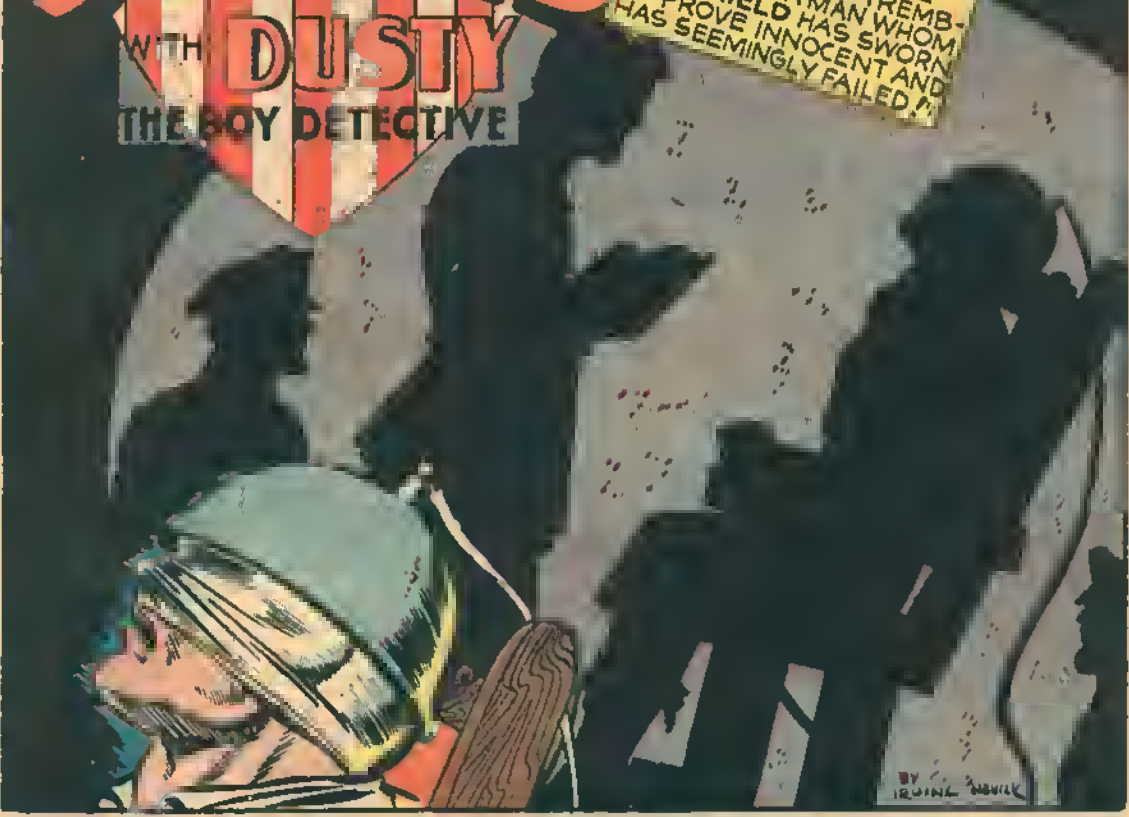
THE ONE AND ONLY

SHIELD

WITH DUSTY

THE BOY DETECTIVE

AS THE DREAD HOUR OF MIDNIGHT APPROACHES CARRYING DEATH IN ITS WAKE, A MAN SITS IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR WAITING FOR A MILLION VOLTS TO SHOCK THE LIFE OUT OF HIS TREMBLING BODY-A MAN WHOM THE SHIELD HAS SWORN TO PROVE INNOCENT AND HAS SEEMINGLY FAILED.



BY IRVING THORP

JUST A MATTER OF SECONDS NOW BEFORE I GIVE HIM THE JUICE!

THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE -

SECONDS TO GO! 30... 20... SECONDS TICKING AWAY A HUMAN LIFE - PERHAPS AN INNOCENT ONE -

NOW, BUT
TEN SECONDS
TO LIVE...
TEN SECONDS
WHICH TO A
MAN DOOMED
TO DIE
ARE TEN
STERNITIES!
AND THROUGH
HIS TORTURED
BRAIN PASS
IN SWIFT
SUCCESSION:
THE EVENTS
LEADING UP TO
THIS FATAL
MOMENT!



IT ALL BEGAN THAT NIGHT WHEN, I,
BILL WAYNE, HAD THAT QUARREL
WITH MY EDITOR -



YOU GET OUT OF THIS
OFFICE, WAYNE, AND
STAY OUT - YOU'RE
FIRED!



THAT SUITS ME
FINE - I'M SICK
AND TIRED OF
YOU AND YOUR
PAPER!



BLANKETY-
BLANK
FATHEAD!

(SNIFF-
SNIFF) I
SMELL
SOMETHING
BURNING.
THE EDITOR
JUMP ON YOU
AGAIN, WAYNE



I'M GONNA GET
PLASTERED AND FORGET
ABOUT IT - THAT'S WHAT
I'M GONNA DO!



WELL, IF IT
ISN'T DETECTIVE
RONSON. SIT
DOWN AND
HAVE A
DRINK!



DROWNING
SORROWS,
WAYNE?

SOMEBODY ELSE I'D LIKE
TO DROWN - THAT RAT
BROWN, MY EDITOR!



TEN YEARSH I
SLAVED FER HIM (HIC)
NOW I GET THE
BUM'SH RUSH...N FER
NO REASHON AT
ALL (HIC)!



SHOME DAY
I'LL GET EVEN
(HIC)-YOU
WAIT'N
SHEE!
(HIC)

SURE, SURE
I'LL GET RIGHT, NOW
YOU'D BET-
TER GO ON
HOME - I'LL
PUT YOU IN
A CAB!



HERE WE ARE, FELLA!
NOW YOU GO RIGHT UP
STAIRS. TOMORROW
THINGS'LL LOOK
BETTER!



SHAY-WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING IN
MY HOUSE!
(HIC) GET
OUT!

YOUR
HOUSE?
WHY YOU
STEW POT
THIS IS MY
OFFICE
AND YOU
KNOW IT!



IF YOU THINK YOU CAN
WHEEDLE YOUR JOB
BACK, YOU'RE CRAZY!
NOW, GET OUT!



SUDDENLY-



WHEN WAYNE REGAINS CONSCIOUS-
NESS-

WHO..WH
WHAT HAPPENED.

PLENTY! I HEARD
ASHOT AND
HUSTLED UP
HERE. BROTHER.
YOU'VE GOT A
LOT TO EXPLAIN!



THAT'S BROWN. MY
EDITOR! WHAT
HAPPENED TO HIM?
WHERE'D I GET
THIS
GUN
?

BROWN'S DEAD!
SHOT WITH THAT
GUN I FOUND IN
YOUR HAND -
STILL SMOKING
WHEN I
GOT
HERE!



OFF HAND, IT LOOKS LIKE
YOU KILLEO HIM IN A DRUNK
EN BRAWL / ONLY THING I
CAN'T FIGURE
OUT IS HOW
YOU GOT
THAT "R" ON
YOUR JAW!
EVIDENTLY
YOU WERE
SOCKED!

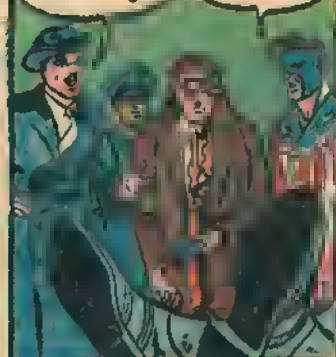


BROWN HAD NOTHING IN
HIS HAND THAT COULD
HAVE MADE THAT IM-
PRESSION. HELLO -
LOOKS LIKE MORE
COMPANY! HELLO,
RONSON!



HELLO, SHIELD! I WAS
TALKING WITH
OFFICER JONES
WHEN WE
HEARD A
SHOT! WHO
DID IT?

WAYNE,
I GUESS!



HMM! SO YOU CAME BACK
HERE AFTER I TOOK YOU
HOME AND KEPT YOUR
THREAT, EH WAYNE?
OKAY - COME ALONG!

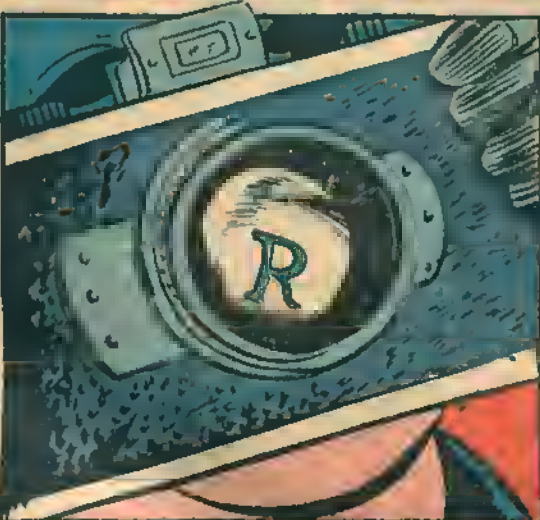


LATER IN HIS CELL, WAYNE
IS VISITED BY THE
SHIELD AND DUSTY -

BUT I TELL YOU
I DON'T REMEMBER
A THING, SHIELD!



I KNOW, WAYNE! I
JUST WANT TO
GET A PICTURE
OF THAT MARK
ON YOUR JAW!



JUST SIT TIGHT, WAYNE... THERE'S
SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THE WHOLE
THING... AND IF YOU'RE INNOCENT
I'M GOING TO PROVE IT!

THANKS
A LOT
SHIELD!



BUT THE WEEKS PASS BY WITH NO WORD FROM THE SHIELD UNTIL THE DAY OF THE TRIAL ARRIVES, AND...



WILLIAM WAYNE,
I SENTENCE YOU TO
DIE IN THE ELECTRIC
CHAIR!



THE TEN SECONDS ARE UP!
AND THE EXECUTIONER'S
HAND PREPARES TO DIM THE
MEMORIES IN THAT TORTURED
BRAIN FOR ALL ETERNITY!



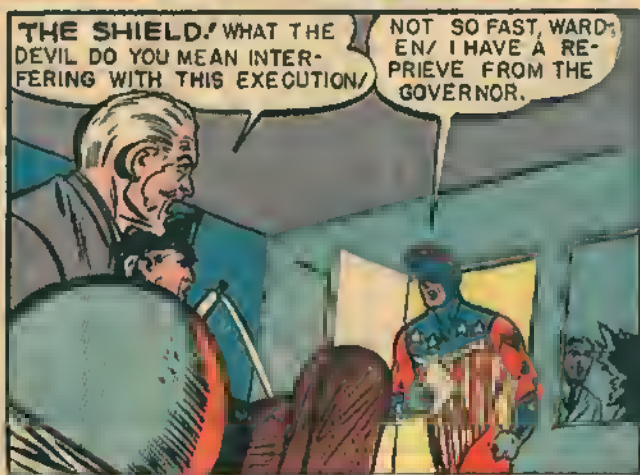
SUDDENLY.....

NO,
YOU
DON'T!



THE SHIELD! WHAT THE
DEVIL DO YOU MEAN INTER-
FERING WITH THIS EXECUTION!

NOT SO FAST, WARDEN!
I HAVE A RE-
PRIEVE FROM THE
GOVERNOR.



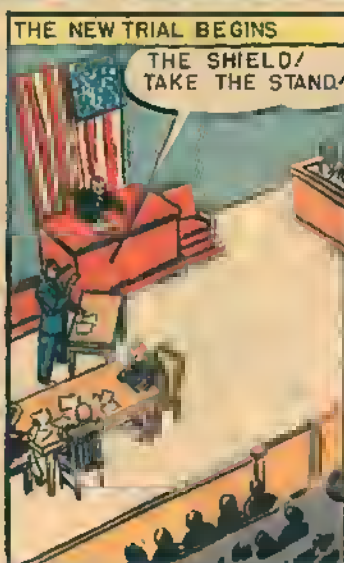
YOU'LL FIND OUT
AT THE TRIAL!

HMM... SO IT
IS!... AND A NEW
TRIAL, TOO!
WHAT'S IT ALL
ABOUT SHIELD?



THE NEW TRIAL BEGINS

THE SHIELD!
TAKE THE STAND!



DON'T WORRY, BILL!
IT'S A GINCH!



THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY...
TAKES OVER.

AND NOW, SHIELD JUST WHAT
IS THIS BOMB-SHELL YOU'VE
BEEN HINTING AT?

JUST THAT I
REALLY KNOW
THE REAL
MURDERER!

AND THERE HE
IS.... GEORGE
RONSON,
THE DETEC-
TIVE

WHAT!

ULP!

IT'S A LIE. I HAD
NOTHING AGAINST BROWN
HE CAN'T PROVE A
THING!

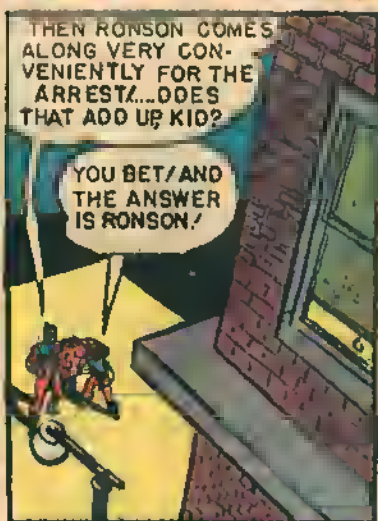
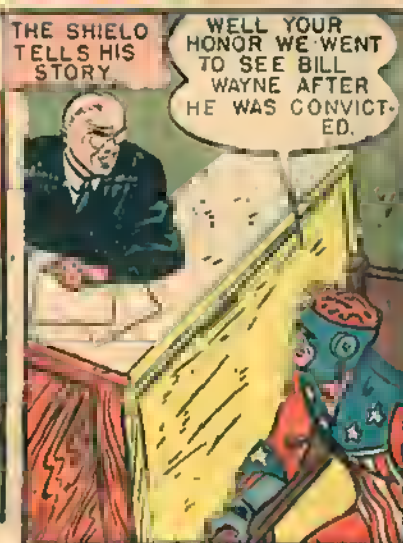
THE HECK HE CAN'T
RONSON!

DIDN'T EXPECT TO
ME SEE ALIVE, EH
RONSON?

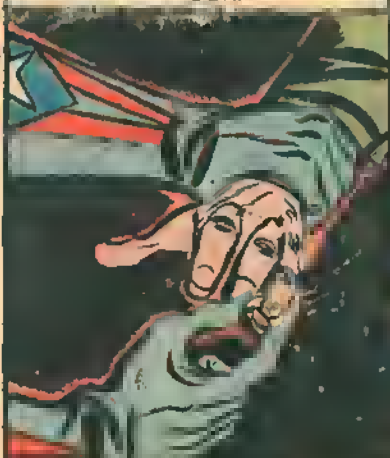
SEE WHAT I MEAN!

THAT'S FOR TOSSING
ME OUT OF A WINDOW,
IN CASE YOU FORGOT.

OH, OH.
MUSTN'T
TRY TO RUN
AWAY!



WITH A QUICK GESTURE THE
SHIELD RIPS THE RING FROM
RONSON'S FINGER.



THIS IS IT
ALL RIGHT.

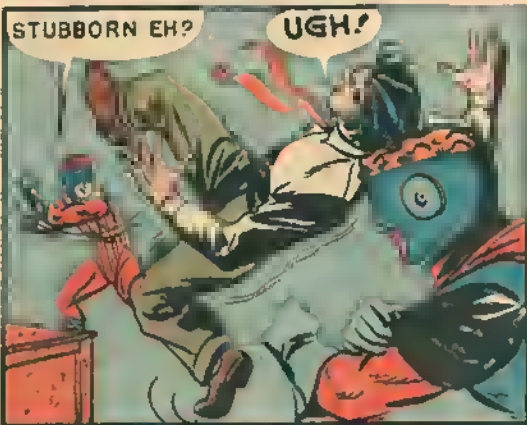


COME ON RONSON, CONFESS.
YOU KILLED BROWN, DIDN'T
YOU?



STUBBORN EH?

UGH!



OOOH!

TALK WHILE YOU'RE
STILL ABLE RONSON.



WELL, RONSON!
WHAT DO
YOU SAY?

YOU, YOU... CAN'T STRONG-
ARM (PUFF, PUFF)
ME SHIELD. I
(PUFF) DON'T KNOW
NOTHING.



PHEW!... HE MAY
BE A RAT, BUT
HE'S A TOUGH
ONE. LET'S GO,
DUSTY.



OUTSIDE

ONLY THING TO DO NOW
DUSTY IS TO CHECK
ON RONSON'S EVERY
MOVE UP UNTIL THE NIGHT
OF THE MURDER. HE MUST
HAVE SLIPPED SOMEWHERE
ALONG THE LINE!



THE SHIELD BE-
GINS A LONG,
PATIENT SEARCH
THE DAYS DRAG
INTO WEEKS
AND MONTHS,
BUT.....

MAY

SUN TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1 2
8 9
15 16
22 23
29 30,

YES, SHIELD THE
BULLET CAME
FROM THIS
GUN ALL-
RIGHT



THAT GUN WAS ISSUED TO
BILL WAYNE. THE NUMBERS
CHECK.

RATS!



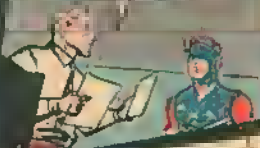
JUNE

THU

FRI SAT

5 6

SURE, HERE IT IS
RONSON WAS DEMOTED
EXACTLY ONE
YEAR AGO BROWN
CAMPAIGNED
AGAINST HIM!



YEAH, SURE, SHIELD.
RONSON WAS DE-
MOTED BECAUSE
OF BROWN. SO
WHAT?



JULY

WED

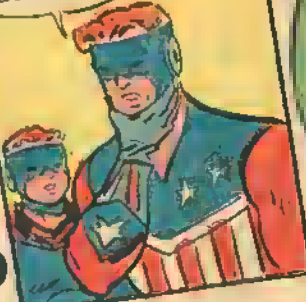
THU

FRI

SAT

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EVIDENCE... PLENTY OF IT
BUT ALL CIRCUMSTANTIAL
I'M AFRAID WE'VE FLOP-
PED DUSTY!



MAYBE IF I
PRESENT IT TO THE
GOVERNOR, HELL COM-
MUTE IT TO A LIFE SEN-
TENCE

IT'S WORTH
TRYING, SHIELD.

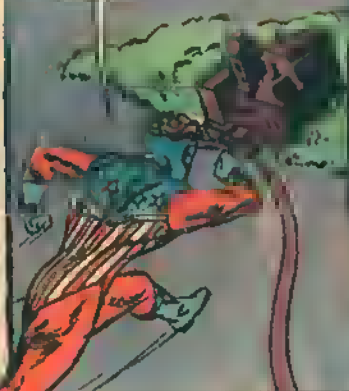


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AND SO OFF
RACES THE
SHIELD—AS THE
ZERO HOUR
APPROACHES

HERE IT IS, THE
GOVERNORS'
MANSION.



I'M SORRY, SIR,
BUT YOU CAN'T
SEE THE
GOVERNOR WITH-
OUT AN APPOINT-
MENT.



AFRAID
I HAVE
TO
DISAGREE
WITH YOU,
PAL



WHAT DO YOU MEAN
BARGING IN HERE
LIKE THIS?



I'M SORRY, SIR,
BUT THERE IS
NO TIME FOR
FORMALITIES,
AN INNOCENT
MAN IS ABOUT
TO BE KILLED!



QUICKLY THE SHIELD PRESENTS THE EVIDENCE
AND THAT'S WHY I'M
POSITIVE AN INNOCENT
MAN IS SENTENCED
TO DIE!

I'M SORRY, SHIELD.
WAYNE'S BEEN TRIED
BY TWELVE GOOD
MEN, AND ON THE
BASIS OF THIS EVID-
ENCE, I CAN'T.....
EXCUSE ME!



WH...WHAT? WHAT'S
THAT YES, YES, I'M
LISTENING.....

THAT WAS YOUR YOUNG FRIEND,
DUSTY... HE'S JUST GIVEN ME CON-
CLUSIVE EVIDENCE. BILL WAYNE
IS GOING TO GET A NEW TRIAL,
SHIELD.

AND JUST WHAT
WAS THIS NEW EV-
IDENCE, SHIELD?

I'LL LET
DUSTY TELL
YOU THAT
HIMSELF,
YOUR
HONOR!

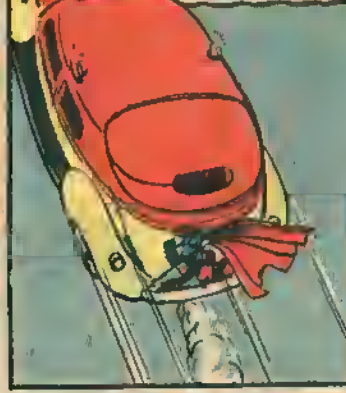
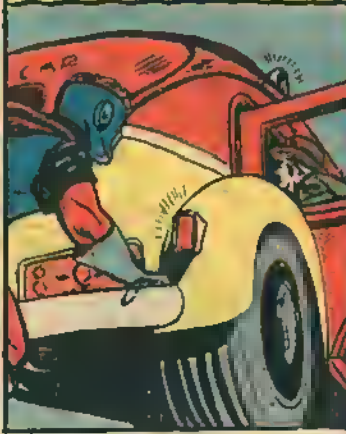
WELL, WHEN THE SHIELD LEFT
TO GO TO THE GOVERNOR'S I
KINDA HUNG AROUND RONSON I
REALLY DON'T KNOW WHY,
FORCE OF HABIT, I GUESS.



HE GOT HIMSELF ROARING DRUNK

THEN HE HAILED A CAB, GAVE
THE DRIVER AN ADDRESS
WHICH MADE ME PLENTY
CURIOUS.

SO I HOPPED ON AND
WENT ALONG FOR
THE RIDE... DE-
TERMINED TO SEE
THIS THING
THROUGH.



WHY IS HE
GOING UP TO
BROWN'S
OFFICE, I
WONDER?

THEN, THE ANSWER CAME TO
ME LIKE A FLASH. LIKE EVERY
CRIMINAL, RONSON WAS RE-
TURNING TO THE SCENE OF
HIS CRIME.



HA, HA,
(HIC) AN-
OTHER HALF
HOUR, AN
WAYNE FRIES
FOR MY
CRIME!

I HEARD THAT RONSON... YOU MISERABLE SKUNK

YOU!

RONSON CAUGHT ME NAPPING AND KNOCKED ME INTO A DICTAPHONE MACHINE

THE THING STARTED TO GO... AND WHAT WE HEARD MADE US BOTH GASP. RONSON SOBERED UP... BUT FAST!

LET GO OF THAT DICTAPHONE, YA BLANKETY BLANK IMP OF HADES!

YOU'RE THROUGH NOW, RONSON!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

UGH!

I'LL FIX YOU FOR GOOD!

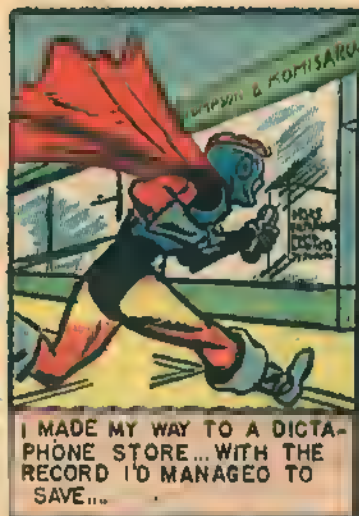
AND FOR A MOMENT, IT LOOKED LIKE HE'D MAKE GOOD HIS PROMISE!

BUT IF RONSON HADN'T BEEN SO ANXIOUS TO GET BACK TO THAT DICTAPHONE MACHINE HE'D HAVE SEEN THAT MY FALL WAS BROKEN BY AN

AWNING

THEY'LL NEVER GET ANY EVIDENCE ON ME, NOW!

OOO... TALK ABOUT YOUR CLOSE SHAVES



I MADE MY WAY TO A DICTAPHONE STORE...WITH THE RECORD I'D MANAGED TO SAVE...



NOBODY IN...SO I'LL HAVE TO USE MY MASTER-KEY/



I GOT THAT RECORD ON ONE OF THE DICTAPHONES, THEN I CALLED THE GOVERNORS/

HURRY, OPERATOR! IT'S LIFE OR DEATH/



SAY YOUR PRAYERS, BROWN/

DON'T KILL ME RONSON. DON'T

BANG

NOW I'LL STICK THIS ROD IN WAYNE'S HAND, AND BEAT IT/



YOU SEE YOUR HONOR... THAT DICTAPHONE WAS GOING THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER.

ALLRIGHT/ YOU'VE GOT ME/



BUT NOT ALIVE/



THERE, YOUR HONOR, IS THE MOST CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF WAYNE'S INNOCENCE/

YES. CASE AGAINST WILLIAM WAYNE IS DISMISSED/



SHIELD/ I...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU/

DON'T TRY WAYNE. JUST STAY SOBER, FROM NOW ON

HA, HA, HA/

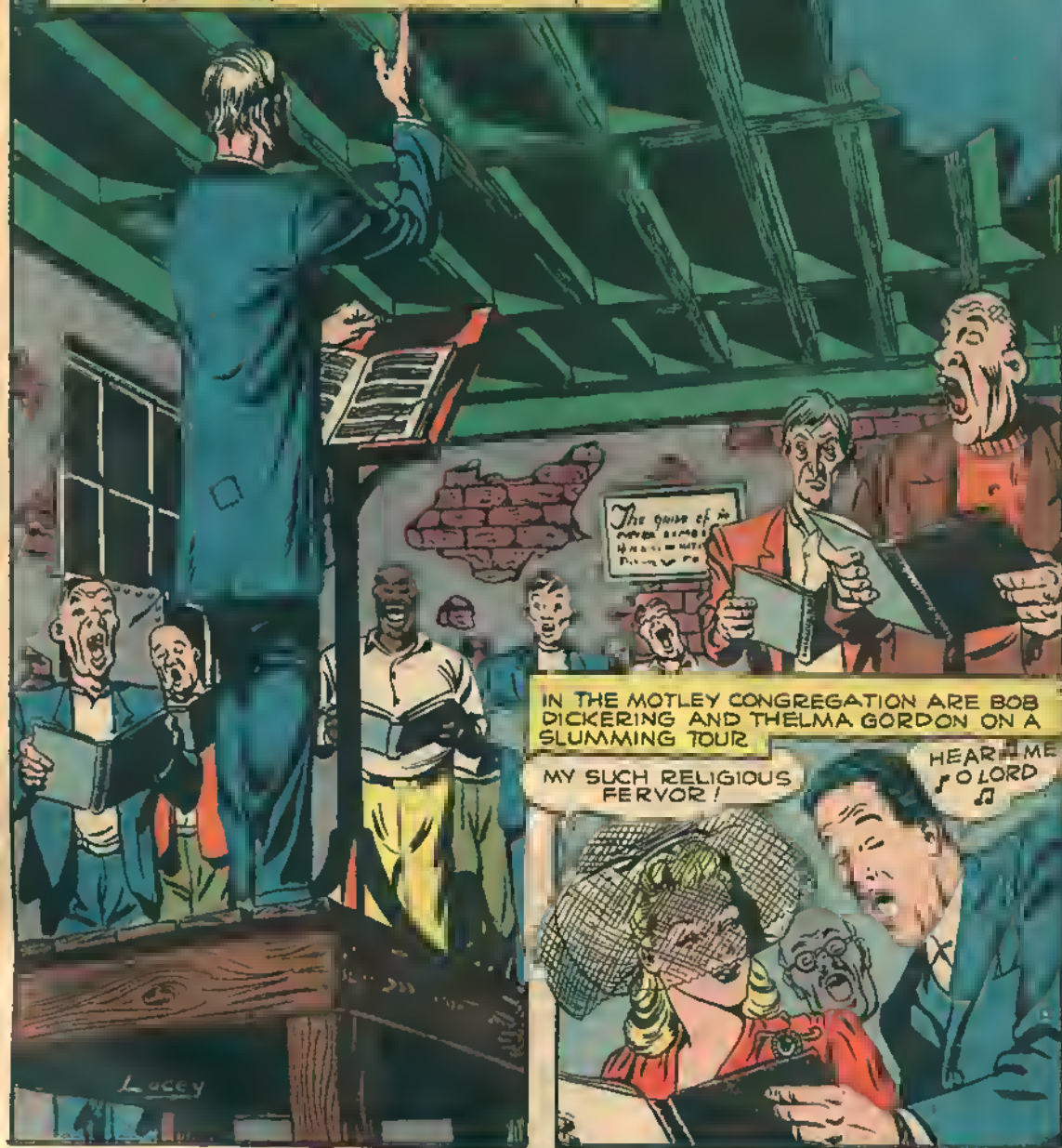
HERE'S A SCOOP FOR YOU, GANG. THE NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS OF THE TREACHEROUS JAP ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR...RE-MEMBER PEARL HARBOR EH?...YOU'LL NEVER FORGET IT AFTER YOU READ HOW **STEEL STERLING** DESPERATELY TRIED TO AVERT THE CATASTROPHE IN THE MAY ISSUE OF.....

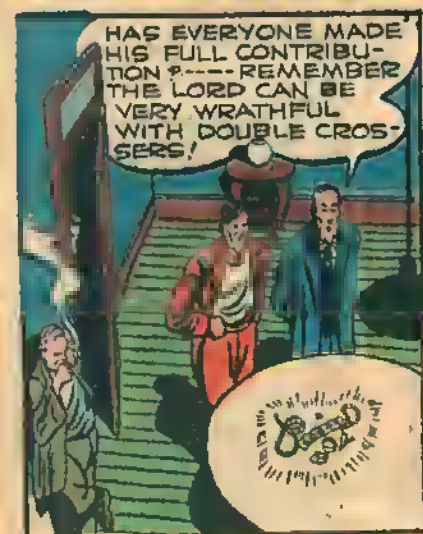
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HANGMAN

THE SCENE - A BOWERY MISSION SUPPOSEDLY, A REFUGE FOR THE WEARY DERELICTS. A HARMLESS SETTING, ONE WOULD THINK, CERTAINLY NOT THE PLACE YOU'D EXPECT TO FIND THE HANGMAN! HMM --- THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW THE MISSIONARY! --- BUT YOU WILL! --- INDEED, YOU WILL!







VENGEANCE IS
ALSO THE HANG-
MAN'S
MISSIONARY--FOR
MURDERERS
AND THIEVES.



YOU SPEAK
IN HASTE
HANGMAN!!

UGH!



THIS IS
YOUR FINAL
HOUR, HANG-
MAN. TOO BAD
I CAN'T PRAY
FOR YOU.



SAVE YOUR
PRAYERS,
YOU PSALM-
SINGING--
FAKER---



---FOR YOURSELF.
YOU'LL NEED
THEM!



NOW EXPLAIN
ABOUT THESE
JEWELS.

THEY'RE
DONATIONS
FROM
MY PARISH-
IONERS!



THAT'S YOUR
STORY--- AND
YOU'RE STUCK
WITH IT!---
C'MON!---

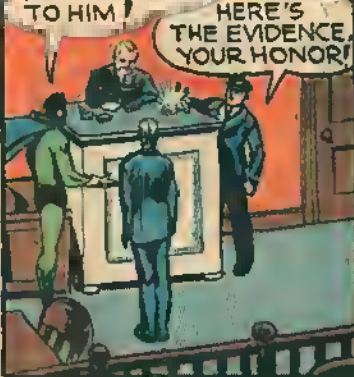




THERE'S AN INTERESTING
LOOKING PERSON. HE LOOKS
LIKE A GENTLEMAN OF
FINE CHARACTER. I
WONDER WHAT HE'S
DOING ON TRIAL!



POSING AS A MISSIONARY
HE HAS ORGANIZED A
BAND OF THIEVES AMONG
THE DERELICTS ON THE
BOWERY AND THEY BRING
ALL THEIR LOOT
TO HIM!



HERE'S
THE EVIDENCE,
YOUR HONOR!

I'VE BEEN ON THE
BENCH FOR FIFTEEN
YEARS AND YOU
CERTAINLY ARE
THE MOST CON-
TEMPTIBLE TYPE
OF CRIMINAL
I'VE EVER
COME ACROSS!



YOU DO ME A GREAT WRONG-
JUDGE! TRUE, I RECEIVE STOLEN
GOODS FROM THE MEMBERS
OF MY FLOCK BUT IT IS ONLY
TO SAVE THESE POOR MIS-
GUIDED SOULS FROM THEM-
SELVES. MY PURPOSE IS TO
RETURN THE



ARTICLES TO
THEIR RIGHT
OWNERS!



JUST A
MOMENT,
PLEASE!

I BELIEVE THIS MAN, YOUR
HONOR. HE LOOKS LIKE THE
SOUL OF HONOR TO ME!
APPARENTLY THERE IS
NO ONE TO PROTECT
THIS PERSECUTED
MAN BUT ME!



BUT MRS. DESNARK, I'M
SURE YOU'RE MAKING A
MISTAKE!

NONSENSE, JUDGE, I'LL PAY
ANY BAIL NECESSARY FOR HIS
RELEASE.



BUT MADAM, YOU'RE
MAKING A SERIOUS
MISTAKE!

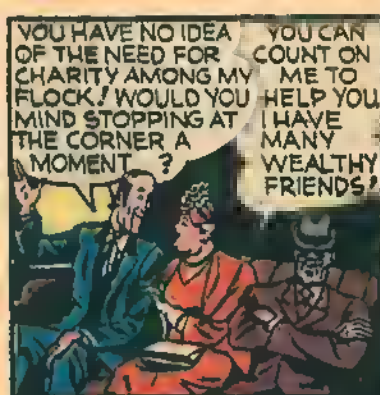
I'VE
HEARD ENOUGH-
COME ALONG,
MY GOOD
MAN!



MY CASE
JUST OUT-
SIDE THE
DOOR!



WELL, I'LL BE-
I'LL CATCH UP
WITH THAT GUY
AGAIN AND HE
WON'T GET AWAY
SO FAST!



YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF THE NEED FOR CHARITY AMONG MY FLOCK! WOULD YOU MIND STOPPING AT THE CORNER A MOMENT?

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO HELP YOU! I HAVE MANY WEALTHY FRIENDS!



DON'T BE LONG, NOW! I HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT!

I'LL BE BUT A MOMENT. I HAVE AN ERAND OF MERCY TO PERFORM!



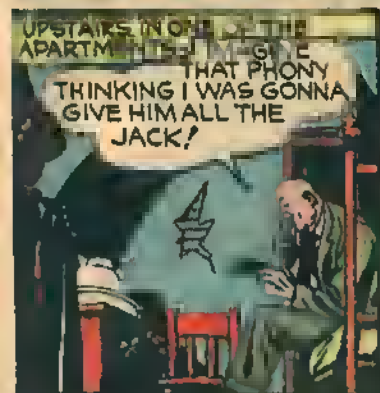
HMM, IT LOOKS LIKE PROSPERITY IS ABOUT TO RAIN INTO MY SORELY DEPLETED COFFERS!



BUT NOW TO MAKE BROTHER THOMAS SEE THE LIGHT!



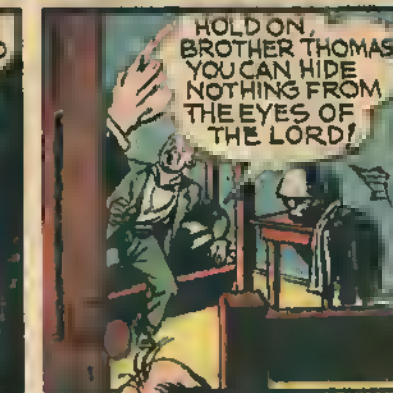
THIS IS HIS HUMBLE ABODE!



UPSTAIRS IN ONE OF THE APARTMENTS. I'VE GOTTEN THAT PHONY THINKING I WAS GONNA GIVE HIM ALL THE JACK!



SO MY STRAYING MEMBER HAS NO TRUST IN HIS FELLOW MAN, EH?

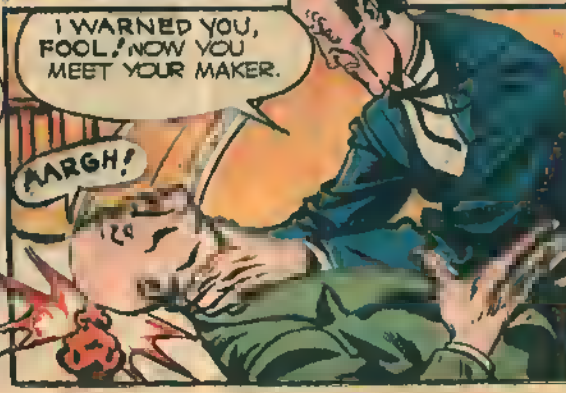


HOLD ON, BROTHER THOMAS YOU CAN HIDE NOTHING FROM THE EYES OF THE LORD!



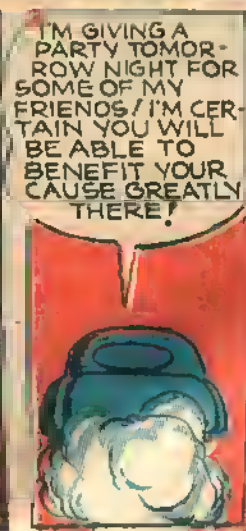
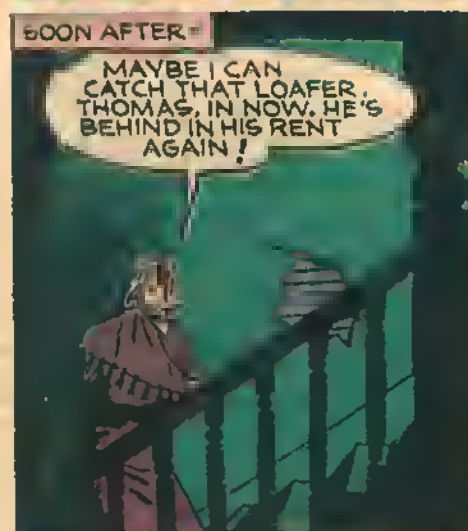
HAND IT OVER, BROTHER!

KEEP AWAY FROM ME - THIS IS MINE. YOU AIN'T GONNA GET ANY PART OF IT!



I WARNED YOU, FOOL! NOW YOU MEET YOUR MAKER.

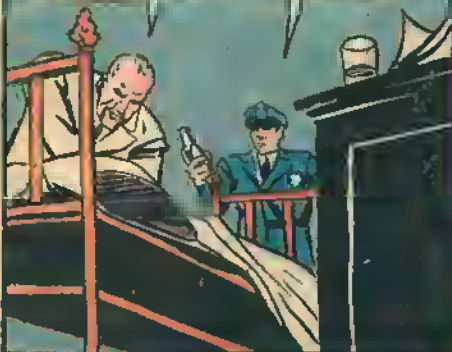
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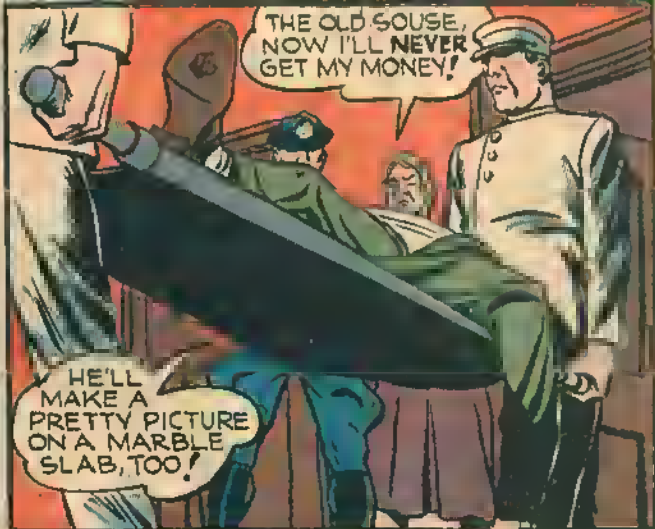
LOOKS LIKE HE
FELL AND HIT
HIS HEAD ON
THE BED POST!

YEAH, DOC,
AND FROM THE
LOOKS OF THIS
BOTTLE HE
MUSTA HAD A
SNOOT FULL!



THE OLD SOUSE,
NOW I'LL NEVER
GET MY MONEY!

HE'LL
MAKE A
PRETTY PICTURE
ON A MARBLE
SLAB, TOO!



THAT NIGHT AT THE MORGUE
THE DOOR OPENS NOISE -
LESSLY -



AND THE HANGMAN ENTERS

WHEN I SAW THIS
DERELICT'S PICTURE IN
THE PAPER I RECOGNIZ-
ED HIM AS THE SAME
ONE WHO HAD QUARRELED
WITH THE MISS-
IONARY!



I'VE GOT A HUNCH
THAT MURDER SOME
MISSIONARY'S
MIXED UP IN THIS!



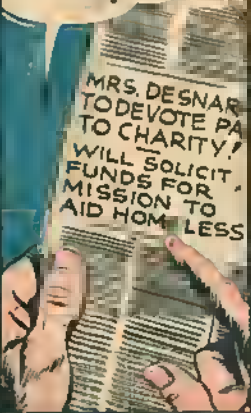
LATER AT BOB DIKKERING'S
HOME -

THELMA, MY FRIEND,
THE MISSIONARY
ISN'T WASTING
ANY TIME GET-
TING INTO THE
RIGHT PLACES!

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
BOB?



THIS! AND
A VERY INTER-
ESTING BIT OF
NEWS IT IS,
TOO!



THE HANG
MAN'S GOING
TO BE AT THAT
AFFAIR, THEL-
MA, WITH OR
WITHOUT AN
INVITATION!



MY, BOB,
YOU CERTAIN-
LY SOUND
GRIM. I'VE
NEVER SEEN
A CRIMINAL
UPSET YOU
THE WAY
THE MISSION-
ARY HAS!

AT THE DESNARK HOME

QUAINT IDEA -
TAKING A COL-
LECTION FOR
DERELICTS, ISN'T
IT?

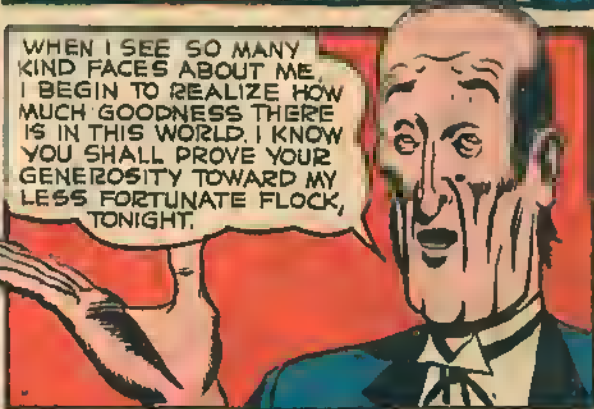


HERE HE
IS, GIRLS -
THE REV.
JOHN WEEMS?

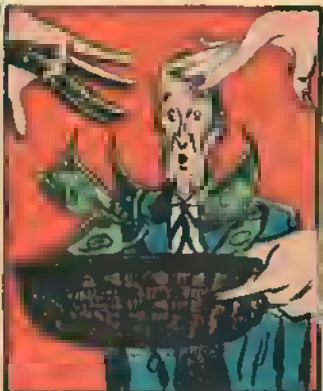
MY, HE'S
GUTE!
ISN'T HE
ADORABLE!



WHEN I SEE SO MANY
KIND FACES ABOUT ME
I BEGIN TO REALIZE HOW
MUCH GOODNESS THERE
IS IN THIS WORLD. I KNOW
YOU SHALL PROVE YOUR
GENEROSITY TOWARD MY
LESS FORTUNATE FLOCK,
TONIGHT.



ALRIGHT, PEOPLE:
I'LL START THE DONAT-
IONS WITH THIS 100
DOLLAR BILL -
WHO'S NEXT?



THE LORD WILL
NEVER FORGET
YOU, SISTER -
HAPPINESS AND
GOOD LUCK WILL
FOLLOW YOU
ALWAYS!

I'LL LET MY HUS-
BAND TAKE CARE
OF THIS. NO NEED
TO TROUBLE
YOU WITH MERE
FINANCES!



WILL YOU EXCUSE
ME, GOOD SISTER?
I THINK I SHOULD
TAKE A BREATH
OF AIR!

CERTAINLY!



MEANWHILE

DARN MAUDE
AND HER
SILLY IDEAS!



SUDDENLY



THIS MONEY
WILL BE BETTER
TAKEN CARE OF
BY ME!



JUST THEN -



EKK! WHY
YOU'VE
KILLED
HIM! HELP,
HELP!



HELP!
HELP!

DON'T FORGET,
MY GOOD WOMAN,
"SILENCE IS GOLDEN!"



SUDDENLY
THE
HANGMAN!



YES, MY PIOUS PUNK,
I TOLD YOU I'D
CATCH UP
WITH YOU!



YOU HAVEN'T
GOT ME YET!



PRETTY
SPRY-AREN'T
YOU?



SOCK

EVEN
SPRYER
THAN YOU
THINK!



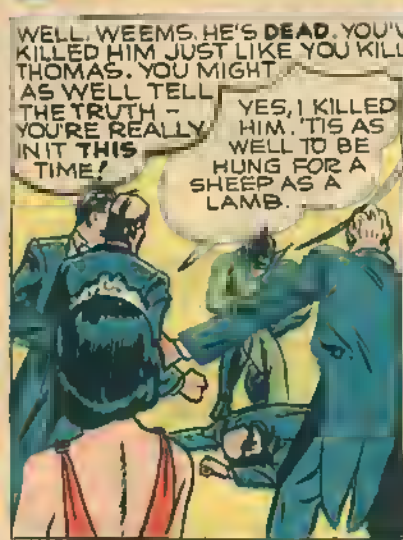
I THINK I CAN CHANGE YOUR MIND FOR YOU!



JUST THEN -

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO REV. WEEMS?

I JUST CAUGHT YOUR HOLY MAN TRYING TO MAKE A COUPLE OF ANGELS HOLD HIM WHILE I LOOK AFTER MR. DESNARK!



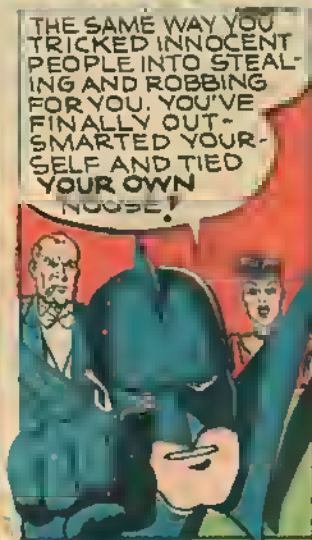
WELL, WEEMS, HE'S DEAD. YOU'VE KILLED HIM JUST LIKE YOU KILLED THOMAS. YOU MIGHT AS WELL TELL THE TRUTH - YOU'RE REALLY IN IT THIS TIME!

YES, I KILLED HIM. 'TIS AS WELL TO BE HUNG FOR A SHEEP AS A LAMB.

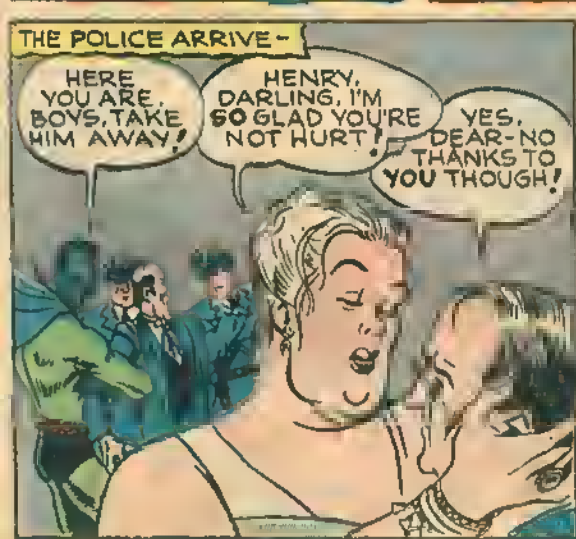


WHY, HE'S MOVING! HE'S ALIVE! YOU'VE TRICKED ME WITH YOUR DEVILISH WILES.

YES, I'VE TRICKED YOU, ALRIGHT!



THE SAME WAY YOU TRICKED INNOCENT PEOPLE INTO STEALING AND ROBBING FOR YOU. YOU'VE FINALLY OUT-SMARTED YOURSELF AND TIED YOUR OWN NOOSE!

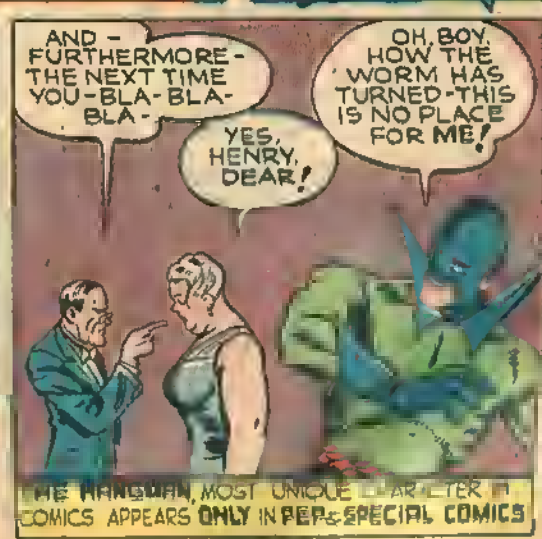


THE POLICE ARRIVE -

HERE YOU ARE, BOYS, TAKE HIM AWAY!

HENRY, DARLING, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE NOT HURT!

YES, DEAR. NO THANKS TO YOU THOUGH!



AND - FURTHERMORE - THE NEXT TIME YOU - BLA - BLA - BLA -

OH, BOY, HOW THE WORM HAS TURNED - THIS IS NO PLACE FOR ME!

YES, HENRY, DEAR!

THE HANGMAN, MOST UNIQUE CHARACTER IN COMICS APPEARS ONLY IN PEP & SPECIAL COMICS

DANNY

IN WONDERLAND



TH--- THEY'RE CLOSIN
IN ON US!! WE'RE
SUNK! --- G'BYE, KUP-
PIE OLE PAL! G'BYE
SNAPPER!



JUST THEN, A MONKEY
SCREAMS A WARNING
MESSAGE IN ANIMAL
LANG-
UAGE--



THE SAVAGE BEASTS LIST-
EN INTENTLY AND ----



SUDDENLY, TURN AND
SCAMPER FRANTICALLY
INTO THE JUNGLE.



G-- GOLLY! WHAT
A CLOSE SHAVE!
WONDER, WHAT
MADE 'EM RUN?

DANNY!
THOSE
BUSH-
ES! ---
THEY'RE
MOVIN'!



THE REASON FOR THE
ANIMALS'
FRIGHT ---

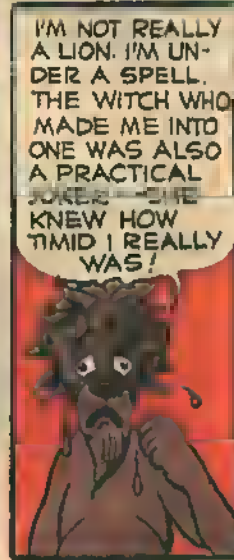
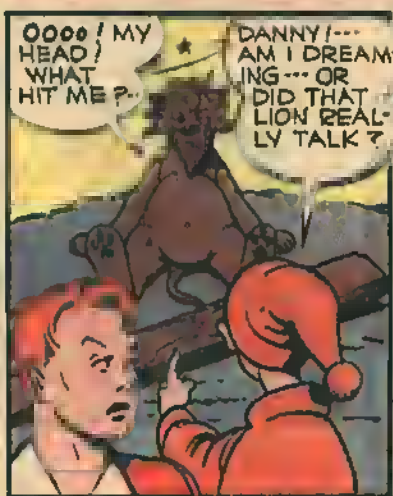
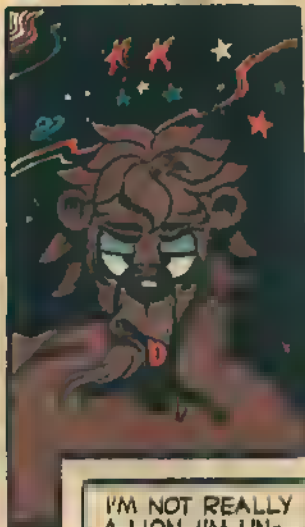


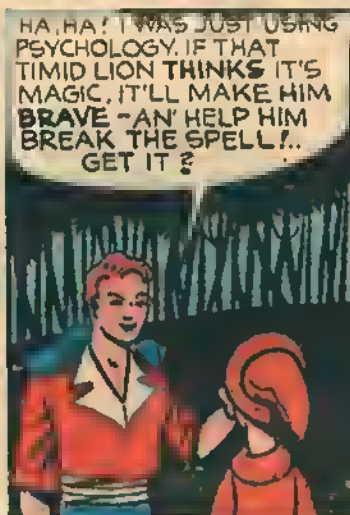
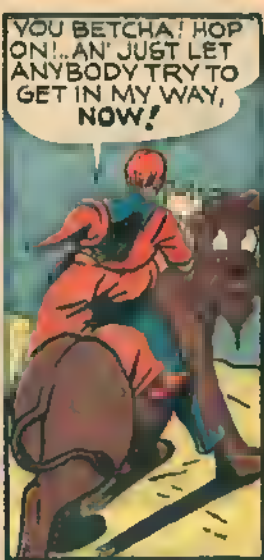
THE CHASE CONTINUES
UNTIL ----

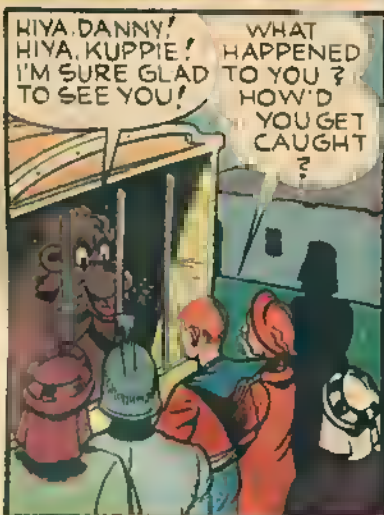
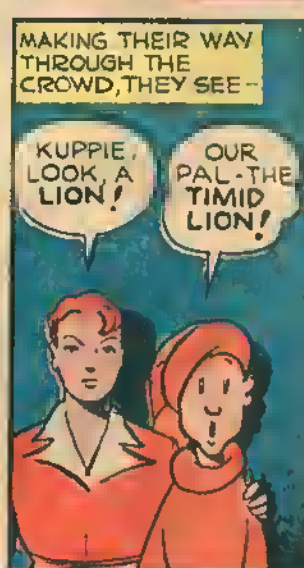
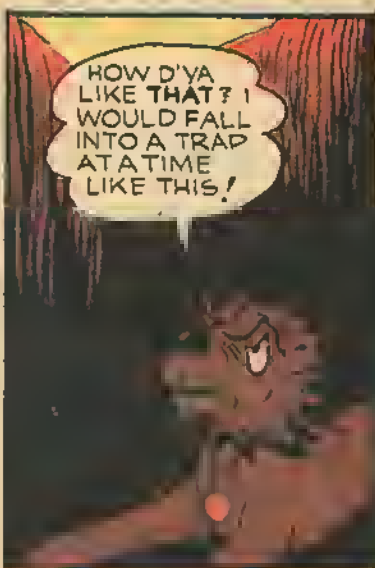
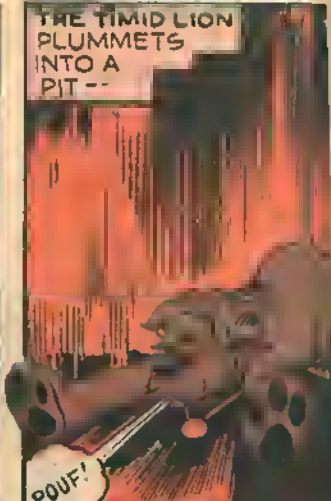
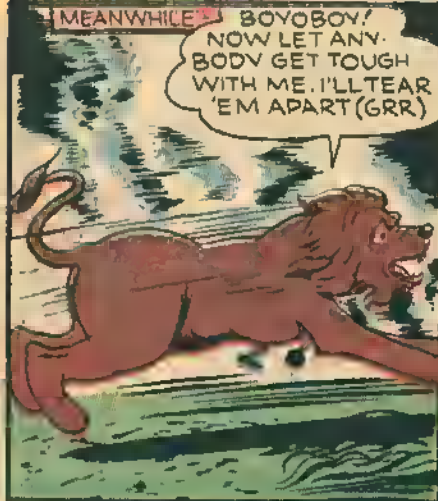


RUN FOR YOUR
LIFE, KUPPIE!
THAT'S THE
MOST FEROCIOUS
LOOKING LION
I EVER SAW!









AT THE ARENA
WHERE THE AN-
MAL FIGHT IS TO
BE HELD-



BOY,
RINGSIDE
SEATS -
NOT
BAO,
DANNY!



YES! AND
THEY COST
ME PLENTY..
NOW FOR
THE FUN!

THE SAVAGE BEASTS
ARE LOOSED INTO
THE ARENA --



AND THE KING'S TRUM-
PETERS ANNOUNCE
THEIR FIERCEST
CAPTIVE...



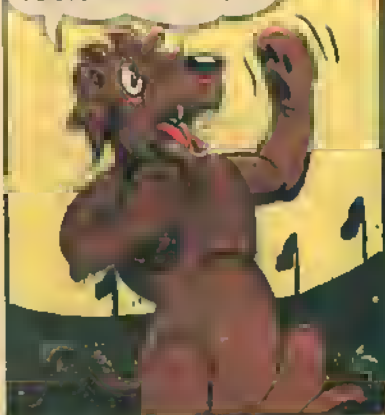
THE TIMID LION -



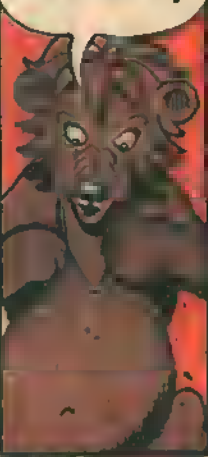
BUT THE SIGHT OF THE SAVAGE -
SNARLING-VISAGED ENGINE OF
DESTRUCTION IS TOO MUCH FOR
THE LION'S FOES AND THEY TURN
AND RUN --



C'MON BACK AND FIGHT, YA
YELLA TOM CATS! I'LL MOW
YOU DOWN - I'LL MAKE A
NECKLACE OUT OF
YOUR TEETH... I'LL -



(ULP) MY
MAGIC TUFT -
I'VE LOST IT!



G.GOLLY - I GOTTA
FIND IT BEFORE
THOSE TIGERS
GET WISE - OR
MY GOOSE IS
COOKED!



OH, OH, THEY'VE
SPOTTED ME - I'VE
GOT TO GET OUT
OF
HERE!



THE TIMID LION
REALLY TIMID NOW,
LEAPS FRENZIEDLY
INTO THE GRAND
STAND-

RUN FOR
YOUR
LIVES!

MAD
LION!

SOMETHING'S
GONE WRONG,
KUPPIE... LET'S
GO FIND OUT
WHAT HAPPEN
ED!

[SNIFF SNIFF] I LOS
THAT MAGIC TUFT,
DANNY - THEY'LL
PULVERIZE ME,
NOW!

THAT REALLY WASN'T
A MAGIC TUFT, PAL -
HONEST - IT WAS
JUST A GAG! YOU'RE
REALLY BRAVE
WITHOUT IT!

THAT'S
A FACT!

YA MEAN I HAD
THOSE TIGERS
SCARED STIFF
WITHOUT ANY
MAGIC STUFF?

OKAY YOU ALLEY
KITTENS! TAKE
IT EASY. I'LL
GIVE YOU
ALL THE
FIGHT YOU
WANT!

BIFF
BAM
ZOWIE
POW

THAT'S THAT! NOW YOU
KNOW WHO'S BOSS
AROUND HERE!

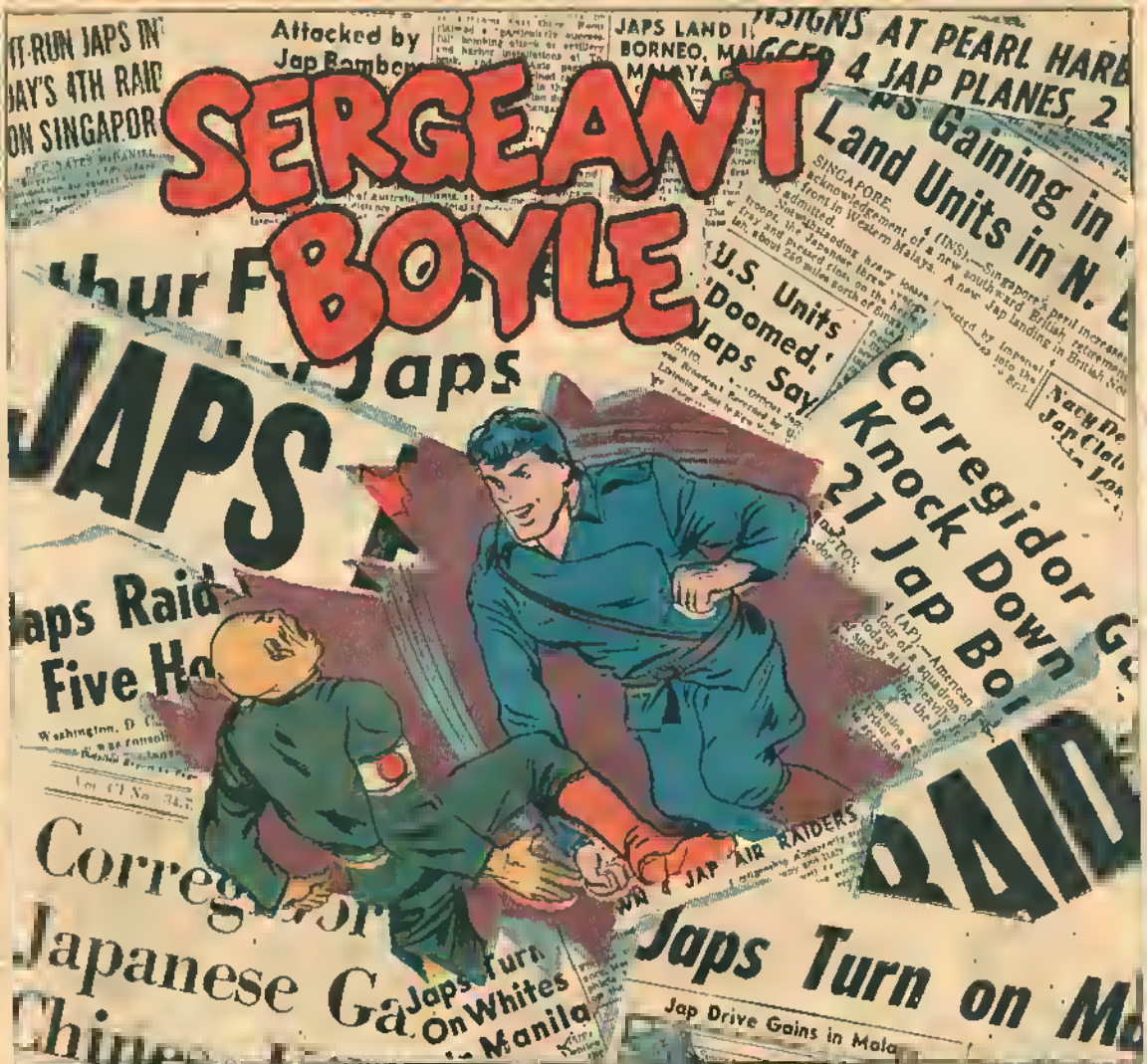
HIS BRAVE DEED
DONE, THE SPELL
IS BROKEN
AND-

LATER, IN THE KING'S PALACE -

AND SO THAT'S HOW I
CAME TO BE A LION,
YOUR MAJESTY!

JUST THE
SAME, YOU'VE
GOT PLENTY
OF SPUNK -
NOW, AND
I'M GOING TO
DUB YOU
THE LEADING
KNIGHT OF
MY LAND!

THE
END



IN SINGAPORE A COUNCIL OF WAR IS HELD AMONG THE ALLIED WAR CHIEFS -

AND SO, ALTHOUGH OUR DEFENSE IS AS STRONG AS EVER, WE MUST DEVELOP A STRONGER OFFENSIVE!

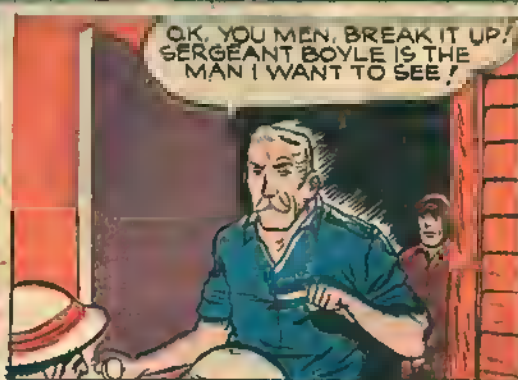
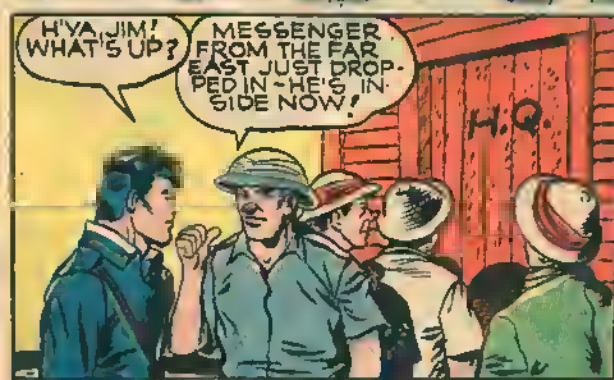
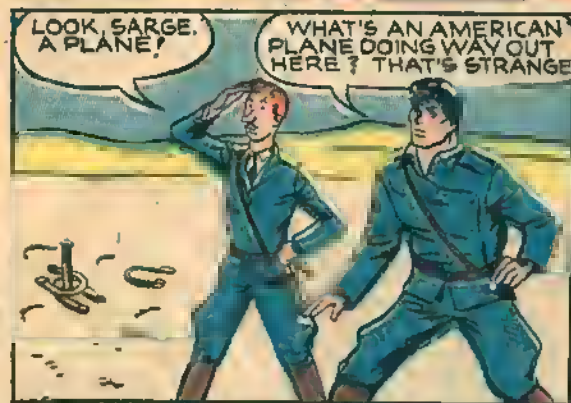
YES! WE JUST GOT ANOTHER LETTER FROM WAVELL. THERE WILL BE A GENERAL TAKEUP UNLESS SOMETHING'S DONE!

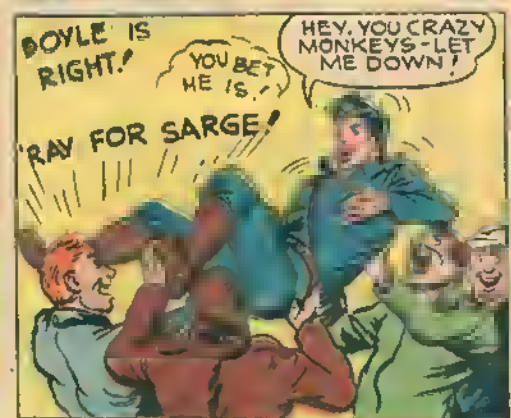
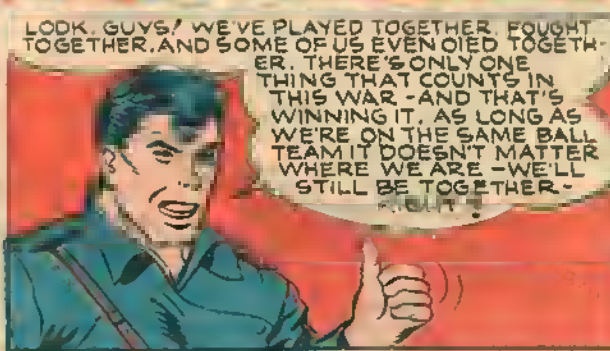
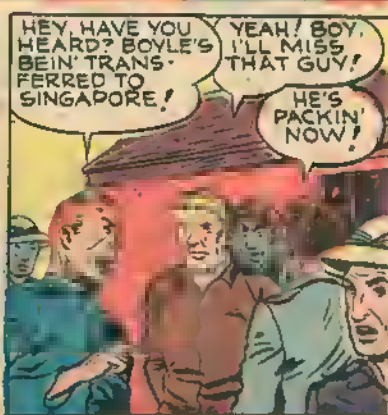
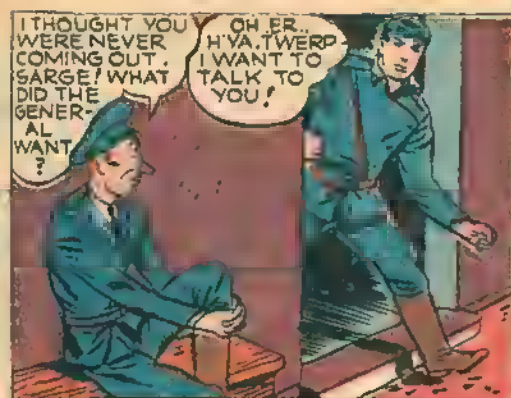


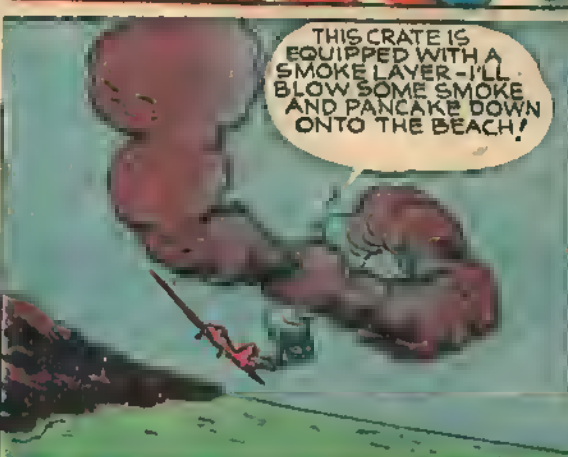
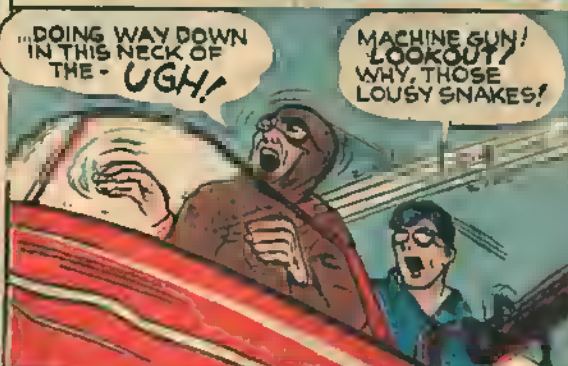
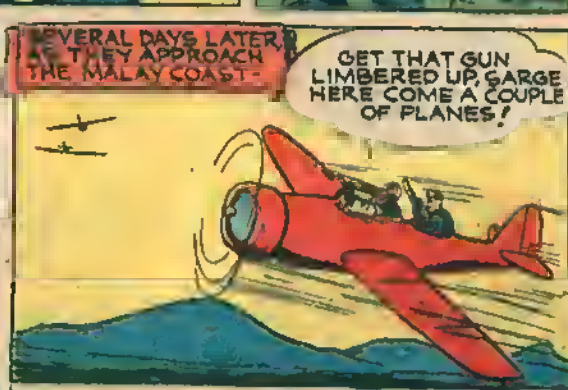
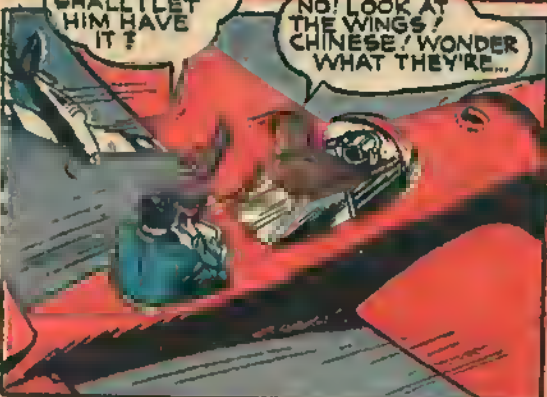
THERE'S ONE MAN WHO CAN BOLSTER THE SITUATION! HIS RECORD SINCE THE WAR BEGAN PROVES IT! HE'S FIGHTING IN LIBYA NOW! SERGEANT BOYLE!

THAT'S RIGHT! GET BOYLE!

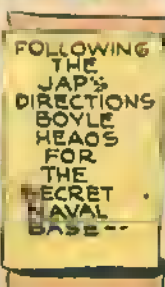
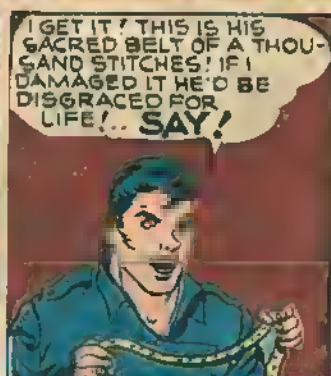
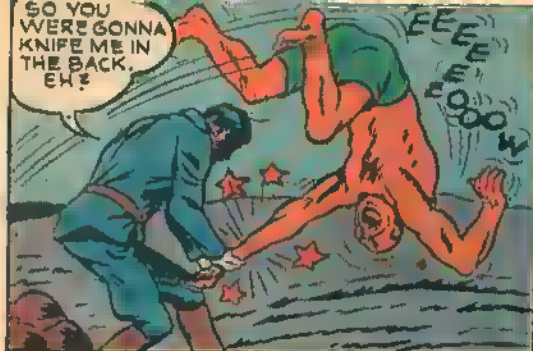


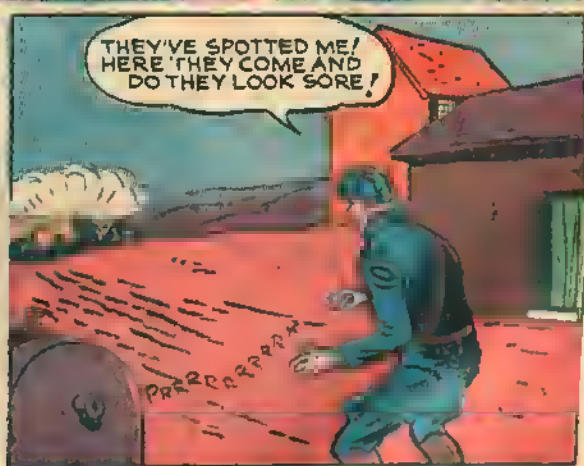
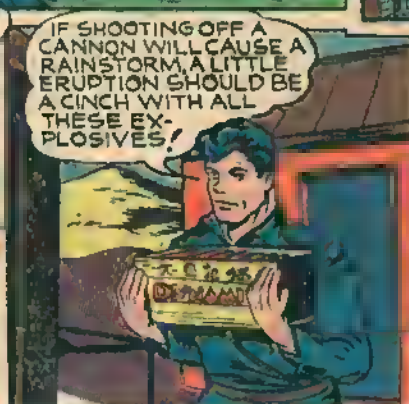
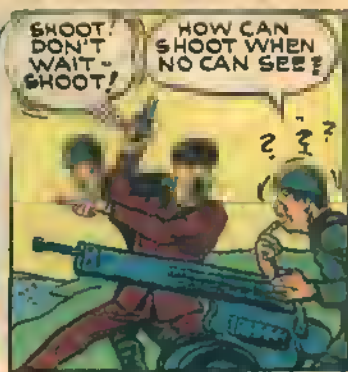


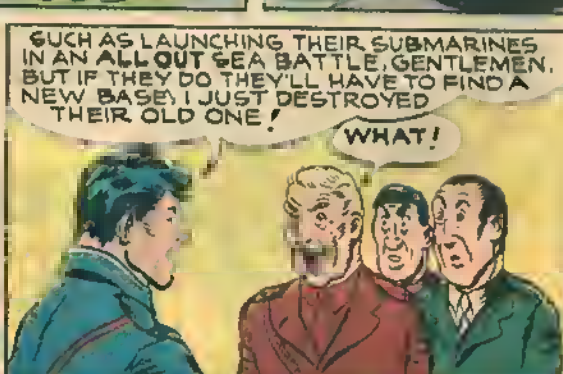
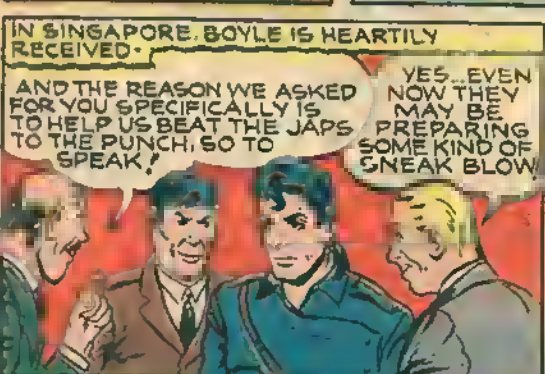
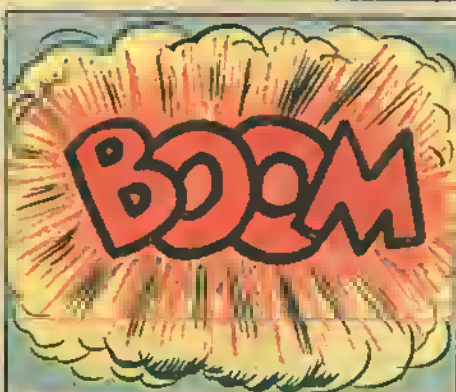
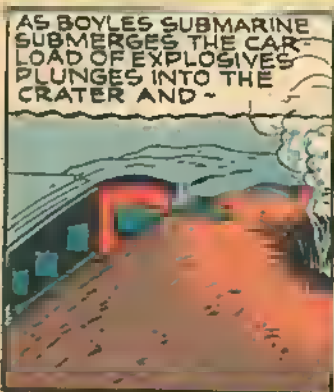
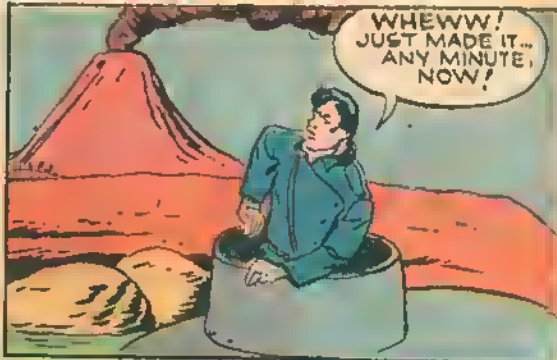
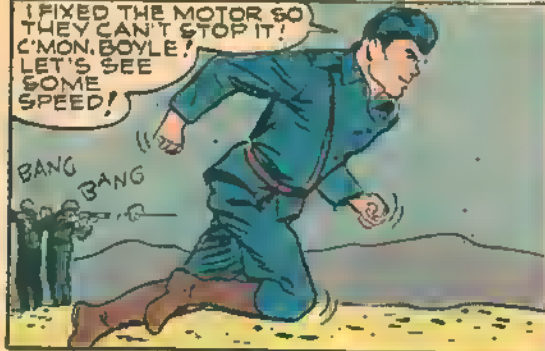












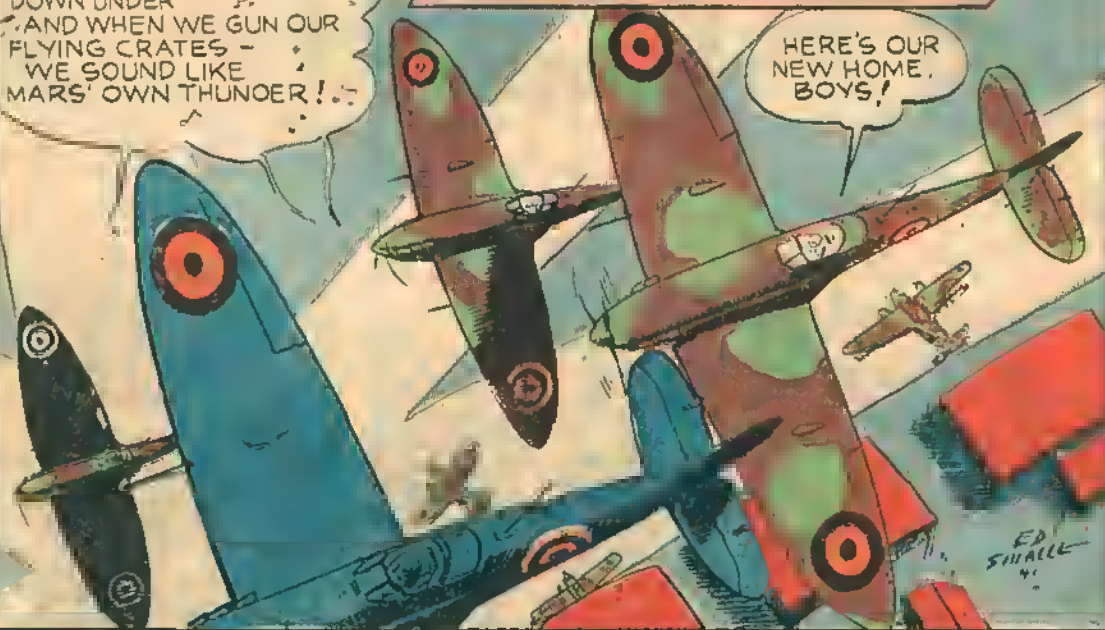
JOLLY ROGER

AND HIS SKY PIRATES

JOLLY ROGER AND HIS SKY PIRATES ARE SENT TO RUSSIA TO BOLSTER THE RED AIR DEFENSES. THEY ARRIVE AT THEIR NEW BASE JUST AS NIGHT FALLS ---

OH, ONE OF US IS FROM THE STATES - ANOTHER FROM DOWN UNDER
AND WHEN WE GUN OUR FLYING CRATES - WE SOUND LIKE MARS' OWN THUNDER!...

HERE'S OUR NEW HOME, BOYS!



THE SKY PIRATES LAND -

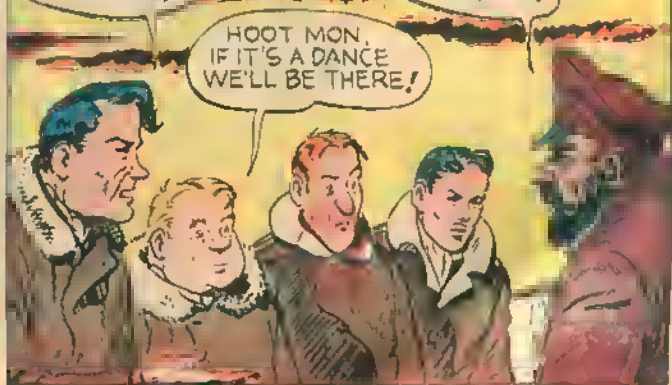
WHO GOES DERE?

HELLO! THIS IS THE SKY PIRATES SQUADRON REPORTING FOR OUTY, SIR!

YOU MUST BE COLONEL VODKA - I'M JOLLY ROGER! THIS IS C.T. PRICE, MARTY MARTIN AND FRANK ROOT! WE'RE READY FOR ORDERS!

WELCOME TO RUSSIA, GENTLEMEN. IT'S TOO LATE TO PATROL NOW - SO WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE CHARITY FETE AT THE VILLAGE TONIGHT?

HOOT MON, IF IT'S A DANCE WE'LL BE THERE!



THAT NIGHT AT THE CHARITY FETE...

THIS MUST BE AN IMPORTANT AFFAIR - EVEN GENERAL VISK, IN CHARGE OF THIS SECTOR, IS HERE!



LOOK, ROGER! WHAT'S THAT LAD DOING, HIS MORN-ING EXERCISES?



NO, PRICE, HE'S DOING A FAMOUS RUSSIAN DANCE. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE VERY HARD TO DO!

IT DINNA LOOK HARD TO ME, BUT YE TAKE THE SCOTTISH SWORD OANCE, IT'S HARD AND GRACEFUL!



IT TAKES A HE-MAN TO DO OUR OANCE. NOT SOME-THING THAT WEARS SKIRTS!

WADDYA MEAN BY THAT, LADDIE?



I MEAN WE DON'T ALLOW SISSIES TO CRITICISE RUSSIA!

WHY YOU-



WAIT A MINUTE, YOU TWO - LET'S SETTLE THIS PEACE-FULLY, BOTH OF YOU TRY TO DO THE OTHERS DANCE - PRICE, YOU BEGIN!



WEEL, OKAY, LET'S SEE, OOF-UFF-NOW YE KICK WITH ONE FOOT - OOPS!



HAR-HAR-HE CAN'T DO IT SO I WIN!



OH, NO YE DON'T! YE HAVE TO DO THE SWORD DANCE!

HOKAY, COMRADE, YOU SHOW ME HOW AND I'LL DO IT!



VERRA WELL - IT GOES
LIKE THIS -



PRICE
TRIPS
ON THE
SWORD -



HO-HO HAR-HAR!
DIS SISSY CAN'T DO
HIS OWN DANCE,
EVEN! HO-HO!



YE BLASTED BABOON!
I'LL SHOW YE WHO'S
A SISSY!



I'LL-
GLUB.

JOOST TAKE IT
EASY, LEETLE
ONE!



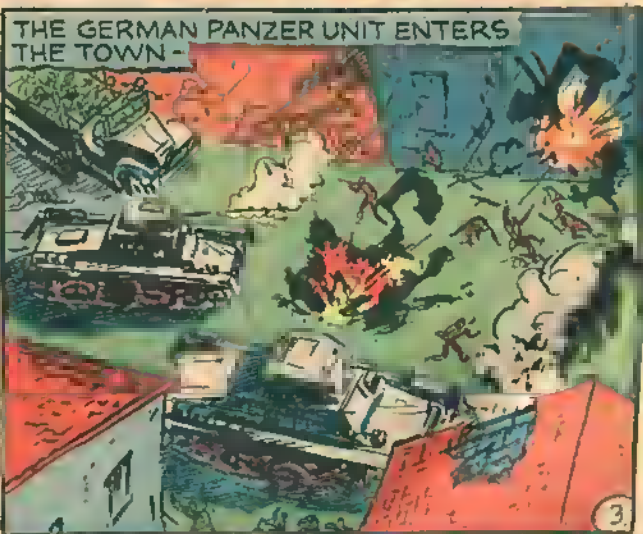
JUST THEN - COMRADES,
QUICK. DER NAZIS HAVE
BROKEN THROUGH AND
ARE HEADED THIS WAY!



COME ON -
PIRATES! BACK TO
OUR PLANES - THERE'S
ACTION AHEAD!



THE GERMAN PANZER UNIT ENTERS
THE TOWN -



AND ON THE ROAD TO THE AIR-PORT -

COME ON, GANG, WE'VE GOT TO GET OUR PLANES OUT OF HERE!

WHERE'S PRICE?

OH, HE PROBABLY GOT HUNG UP SOMEWHERE!



PRICE HAS BEEN HUNG IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE -

THAT BLASTED RED! THIS IS HIS IDEA OF A JOKE!



HOOT MON! IT CANNA BE! THREE NAZIS ARE CAPTURING GENERAL VISK, I MUST STOP THEM!



PRICE WRIGGLES FREE AND RUSHES OUT - -



RIGHT INTO THE MIDST OF A NAZI TANK CREW -

WHAT THE - ?

DOOF!



SO I'M A SISSY, AM I? WELL - TAKE THAT - AND THAT!

DUNNER - IT'S A WILD MAN-DOF!



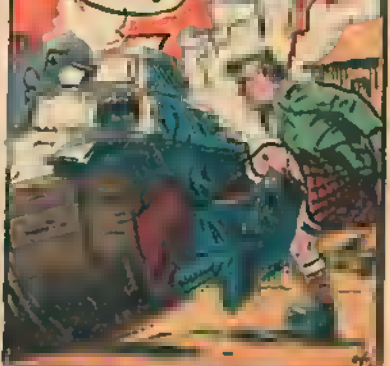
I'LL SHOW 'EM THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KILTS AND SKIRTS!



WELL, WADDAYA KNOW, I'VE GOT A NAZI TANK ON ME HANDS! SAY, I COULD RESCUE THE GENERAL IF I HAD SOMEONE TO STEER THE BLASTED THING - LET'S SEE -



HERE'S ONE OF THOSE BLASTED ROOSIANS - HEY, COME OUT O' THERE! YE DON'T WIN WARS THAT WAY, ME LAD! COME ON OUT!



OH, SO 'TIS YOU! WEEL,
YOUR GENERAL HAS
BEEN TOOK BY THE
NAZIS AND HAS
GOT TO BE
RESCUED!



I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE
TO SHOW WHAT A HE-
MAN YE ARE - GET IN
THAT TANK!

NO, NO,
IT'D BE
SUICIDE!



BUT THE SCOTCHMAN HAS
HIS WAY AND THE TANK
SOON STARTS OFF -

COOM, COOM, LAD! IS
THIS THE FASTEST
YE CAN GO?



AH, THERE'S THE
GENERAL AND HIS
ESCORT. HOLD 'EM
STEADY, MAN -
WHILE I DO A
LITTLE PLAIN
AND FANCY
TARGET
PRACTICE!



AMAZING, COMRADE.
NEVER HAVE I
SEEN SUCH GOOD
SHOOTING!



PRICE AND THE RUSSIAN OVER TO TAKE THE
SQUAD CAR -

HERE YE ARE,
GENERAL VISK!
WE COME FOR
YE - SPECIAL
DELIVERY!

CAMERADE!
VE GIVE UP!



AH, COMRADE
YOU HAFF
SAVED MY
LIFE!

HEY!
NIX,
GENERAL!





WE'RE STILL IN NAZI TERRITORY. GENERAL HARK! I HEAR PLANES!

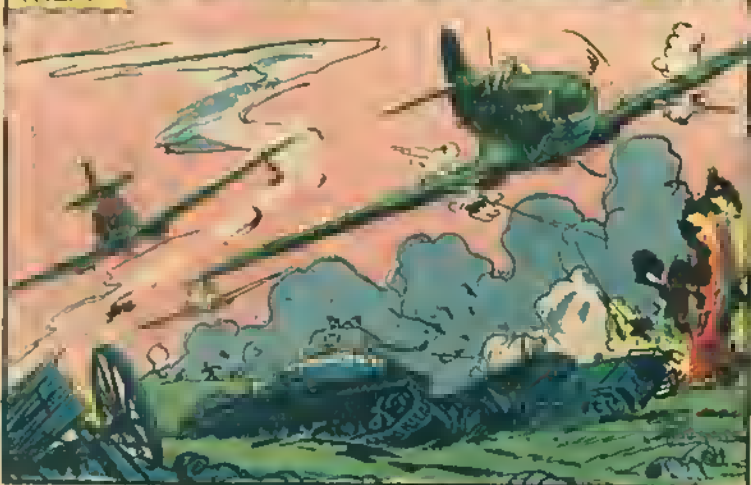


IT'S PRICE, ALRIGHT! LOOK, HE'S GOT THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND!



HOOT MDN! IT'S THE SKY PIRATES - THEY'LL SEE US SAFELY THROUGH - HOP IN, GENERAL!

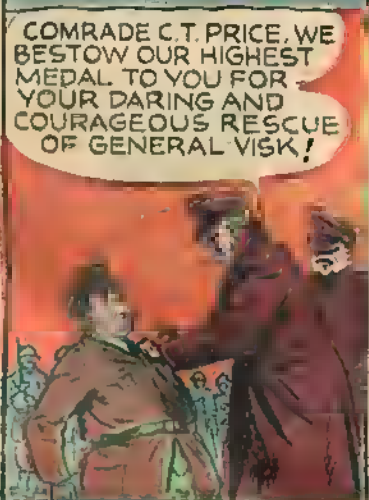
WITH THE THREE SKY PIRATES BLASTING A PATH FOR THEM -



PRICE REACHES THE RUSSIAN LINES -



LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS



COMRADE C.T. PRICE, WE BESTOW OUR HIGHEST MEDAL TO YOU FOR YOUR DARING AND COURAGEOUS RESCUE OF GENERAL VISK!



OH, HE'S THE GUY WEARS THE KILTS AND CANNOT DO THE RHUMBA - BUT WHEN IT COMES TO WINNING WARS, NO ONE CAN STEAL HIS THUNDER ♪ FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW - ♪ FOR HE'S



LITTLE COMRADE, I APOLOGIZE VILL YOU FORGIVE ME FOR CALLING YOU A SISSY? THINK NA MORE ABOUT IT, LAD. YE'VE LEARNED YE' LESSON AND SO HAVE I - NO MORE FANCY DANCES FOR ME!

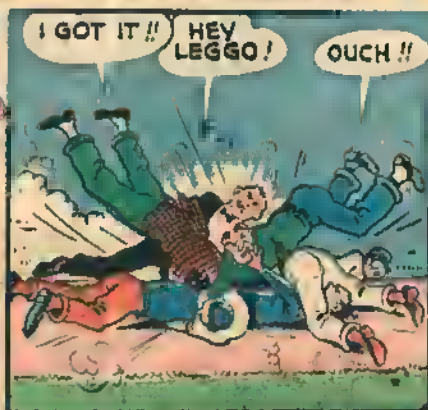
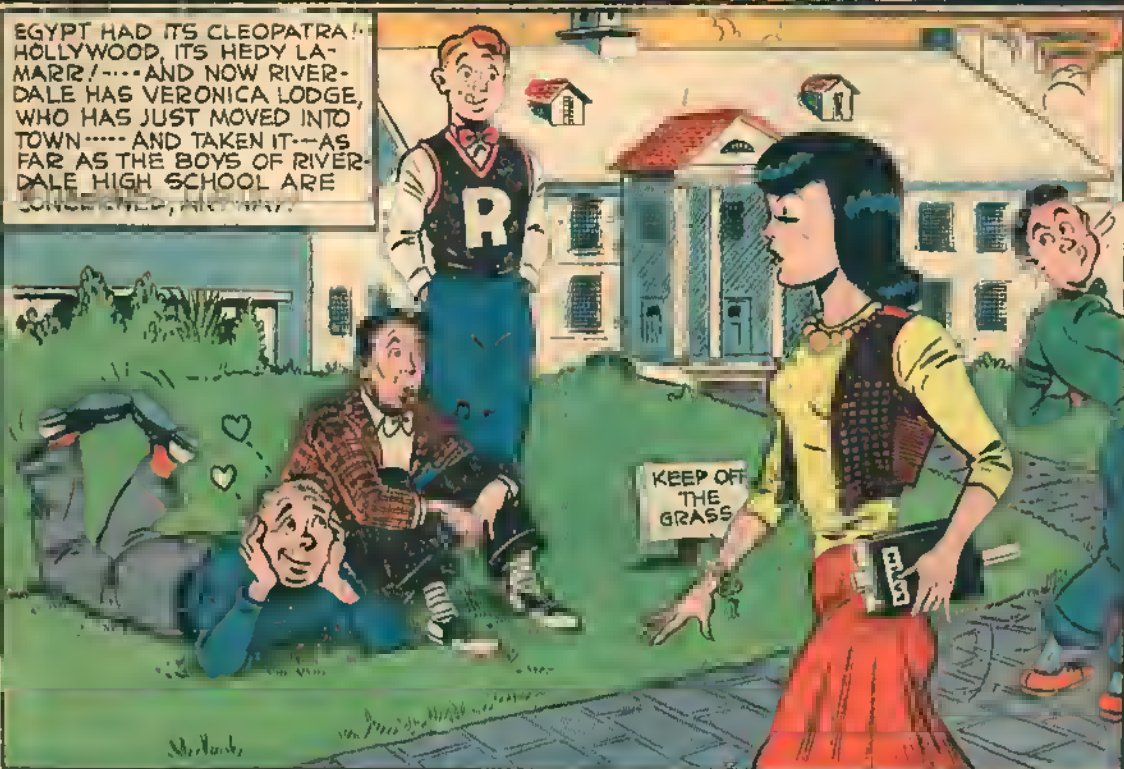
Archie

Monland

GOSH!! WHO CARES ABOUT THE STAMP ACT WHEN VERONICA'S MAKING HISTORY RIGHT HERE IN SCHOOL.



EGYPT HAD ITS CLEOPATRA! HOLLYWOOD, ITS HEDY LAMARR!----AND NOW RIVERDALE HAS VERONICA LODGE, WHO HAS JUST MOVED INTO TOWN-----AND TAKEN IT--AS FAR AS THE BOYS OF RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL ARE CONCERNED, ANYWAY.



OH, HOW CLUMSY OF ME. THANK YOU,--- AH---

JUST CALL ME ARCHIE! COULD I---ER--- MAYBE--- I OUGHT TO CARRY IT HOME FOR YOU!

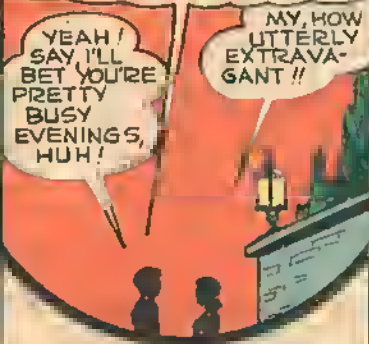
I DON'T USUALLY WALK HOME, BUT I WRECKED MY CAR AND DAD HAS THE TOWN CAR AND SIS USES OUR STATION WAGON AN--

YEAH! SAY I'LL BET YOU'RE PRETTY BUSY EVENINGS, HUH!

MY, HOW UTTERLY EXTRA-VAGANT!!

BOY, OH BOY! I DID IT! JUGHEAD! I'VE GOT A DATE NEXT WEEK! WITH VERONICA LODGE!

KINDA FLYIN' HIGH AREN'T YOU, EAGLE? HER OLD MAN IS "MONEY BAGS" LODGE OF BEACON HILL!



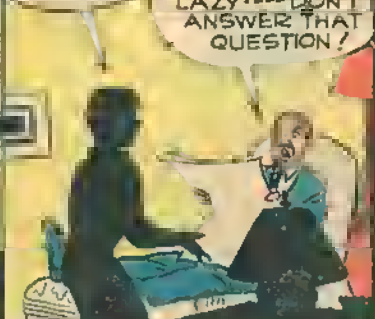
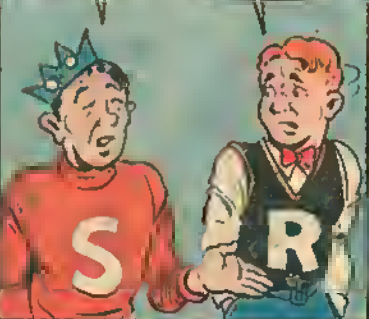
WHY SHE'S A SUB-DEB!! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA USE FOR MONEY--- BUTTONS?

SHE IS!!! (GULP) HEY, HOW ABOUT THAT FIFTEEN CENTS YOU OWE ME!!

BUT POP!!! ALL I AM ASKING FOR, IS \$10 ON MY ALLOWANCE!

TEN DOLLARS! YOU'VE DRAWN INTO 1943 ALREADY!! EARN IT LIKE I DID AT YOUR AGE! GET A JOB!! WHAT ARE YOU LAZY,--- DON'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION!

LET'S SEE... WANTED BUS BOY, APPLY IN PERSON AT THE "EL CROCA-DEARO"--- BOY! A SWELL PLACE LIKE THAT OUGHTA PAY ABOUT THIRTY BUCKS!!



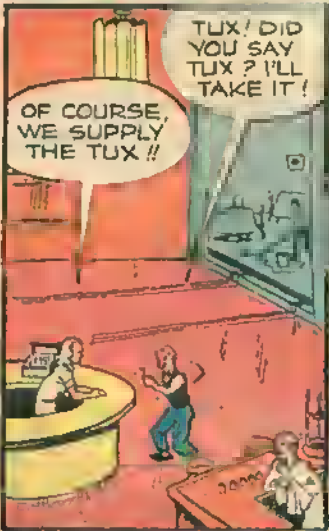
YOU'LL DO! THE JOB PAYS \$12 A WEEK

IS THAT ALL!

TUX! DID YOU SAY TUX? I'LL TAKE IT!

OF COURSE, WE SUPPLY THE TUX!!

THEN CAME 6 DAYS OF DIRTY DISHES-----



HOT DOG !! THAT'S WHAT I NEED --- FOLDIN' MONEY !!

I HOPE THE BOSS DOESN'T MISS THIS TUX TONIGHT !

MISS LODGE WILL BE RIGHT DOWN, SIR ! WILL YOU STEP INTO THE LIBRARY PLEASE ?

SOME JOINT !

WELL, WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO VERONICA ?

I'D JUST LOVE TO GO TO MY FAVORITE PLACE !

THE EL CROCADEARO

WHAT ! OH GOSH --Y- YOU WOULDN'T LIKE IT THERE !

DID YOU BRING YOUR CAR OR ARE WE TAKING A TAXI ?

TAXI ?

YES SIR !

I MEAN - TAXI !

CAN'T WE GO SOMEWHERE ELSE ?

DON'T BE SILLY, EVERY ONE WHO'S ANYONE GOES THERE !

ARCHIE DON'T YOU THINK THE EL CROCADEARO SERVES DELICIOUS AVOCADO CRAB-MEAT ?

UH-HUH

WOW ! \$ 4.70 !

KEEP THE NICKEL BUD

GEE, THANKS MR. BENNY !

WELL, WELL !!! HELLO ARCHIE !

DEAR ME, ARCHIE IS SO IN-FLU-ENTIAL !

OH GOSH ! AH--HELLO, VERONICA GO AHEAD I'LL JOIN YOU IN A MINUTE !

WHAT'S THE
IDEA GOIN'
HOME WITH
THAT TUX! THE
OTHER BUS-
BOY NEEDS
IT. NOW
TAKE IT
OFF!!

AW GEE,
BOSS!
I HAVEN'T
GOT ANY
OTHER
CLOTHES!!
AND I'VE
GOT MY
GIRL HERE!



SOMEBODY'S GOT
TO TAKE THESE
DISHES OUT!!
NOW YOU CAN
EITHER TAKE
THAT TUX OFF
OR WORK.

I'LL
WORK.
WAIT'LL
I EX-
PLAIN!



SOME ON, VERONICA,
LET'S DANCE.



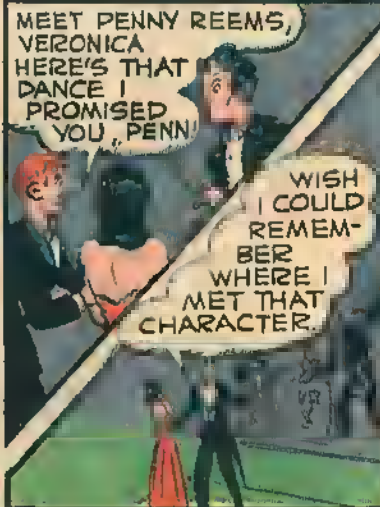
OH ARCHIE,
YOU DANCE
DIVINELY.



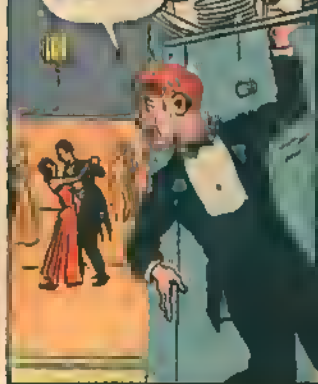
JIGGERS,
THE BOSS!!
I GOTTA
DO SOME-
THIN'

MEET PENNY REEMS,
VERONICA
HERE'S THAT
DANCE I
PROMISED
YOU, PENN!

WISH
I COULD
REMEM-
BER
WHERE I
MET THAT
CHARACTER.



PHIEW! THEY DIDN'T
SEE ME! TWO
MORE LOADS
AND I CAN
REST!



(PUFF) JUST GOT BACK
IN TIME!

RIGHT HERE
WAITER, WE'RE
READY TO
TO ORDER.



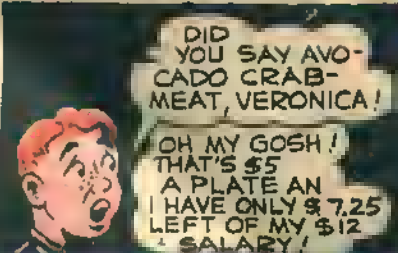
I'D
BETTER
GIVE THE
ORDER TO
PIERRE, THE
CHEF MYSELF
SO IT WILL BE
JUST RIGHT!

GOODNESS
ARCHIE!
DO YOU
KNOW
THE
CHEF
TOO?



DID
YOU SAY AVO-
CADO CRAB-
MEAT, VERONICA!

OH MY GOSH!
THAT'S \$5
A PLATE AN'
I HAVE ONLY \$7.25
LEFT OF MY \$12
SALARY!



WHAT A SPOT! ---ENTER-
TAINING A SUB-DEB, AN'
BEIN' A BUS-BOY AT THE
SAME TIME!



I'VE GOT TO KEEP HER
BUSY WHILE I GET THESE
DISHES OUT. LET'S SEE-----
HMMM---THAT GUY LOOKS
DUMB ENOUGH !!

PEST! VERONICA
LODGE IS OVER HERE
AND SHE'S JUST
DYING TO MEET YOU!

HUH!
WHO ME?

ARCHIE
WHERE-
EVER
HAVE
YOU
BEEN?

I WANT YOU
TO MEET
AN OLD
PAL--MR.--
AH--MR.

DEBILLS-
BURY.

SURE, SURE!
YOU TWO
GO AHEAD
AND DANCE--
I'LL SEE YOU
LATER!!

GOSH
SHE'S
PURTY.

PHIEW
ONE
MORE!

HEY SQUIRT!
TAKE THE SILVER-
WARE OFF
OF YOUR
TRAY THIS
TIME!!

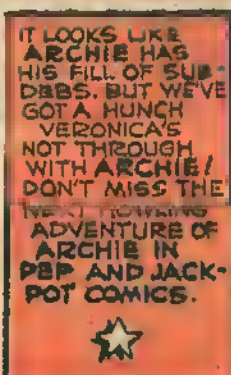
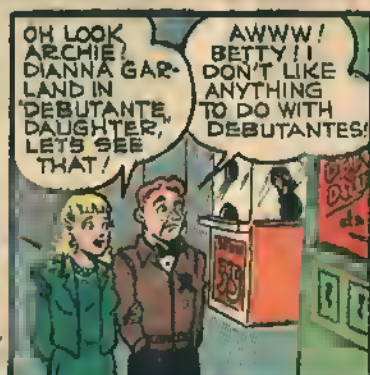
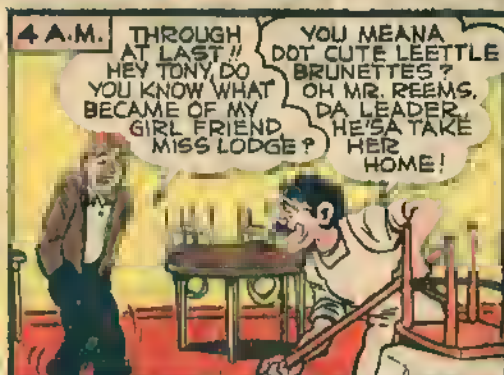
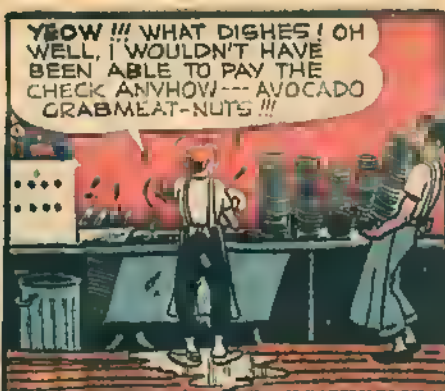
ARCHIE ANDREWS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING
WITH THAT TRAY?

OH, I'M--AH--JUST
SEEM'N' IF I CAN
LIFT IT-----IT'S
A BET !!

WELL, OF
COURSE IF
YOU'D RATH-
ER MAKE
SILLY BETS
THAN BE
WITH ME--
WHY

I'LL PUT IT
DOWN RIGHT
NOW! WAIT,
RIGHT THERE!

ARCHIE
LOOKOUT!



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PAGES OF ACTION-PACKED THRILLING ADVENTURES AS THE MAN OF MYSTERY BRINGS CRIME TO ITS KNEES !!

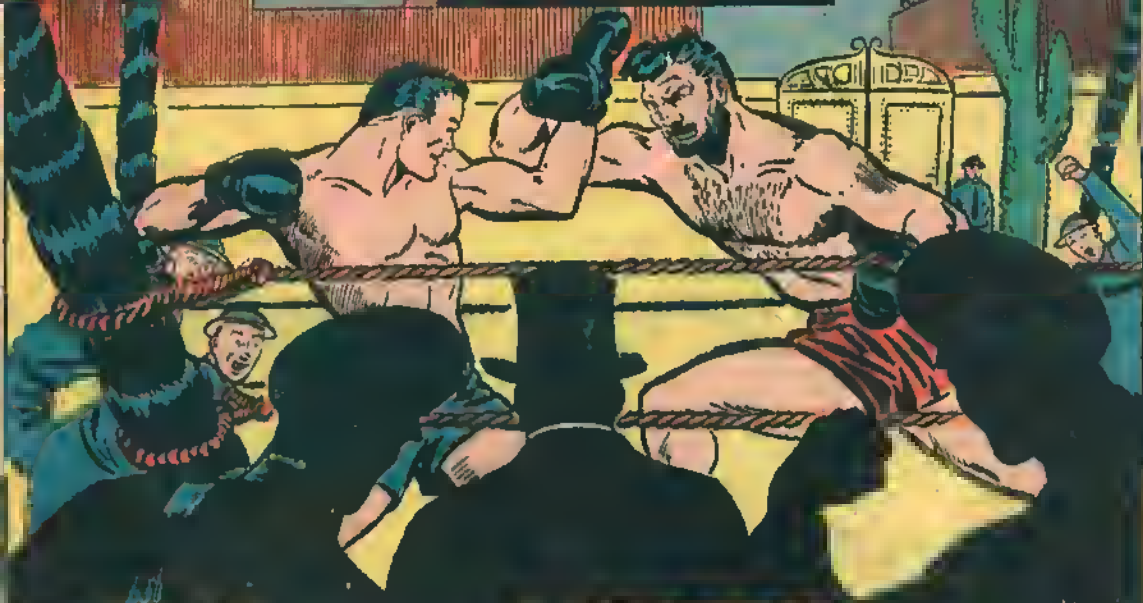
THE
BLACK HOOD
IN THE MAY ISSUE OF
BLACK HOOD
TOP-NOTCH
COMICS

ON SALE NOW!

AN EGO — CRAZED KILLER, A MADMAN WITH AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX THAT WORKS --- IN REVERSE ' THE BLACK HOOD COMES FACE TO FACE WITH THE "PUNK" WHO BECAME A KILLER" IN A STORY THAT WILL THRILL YOU !!

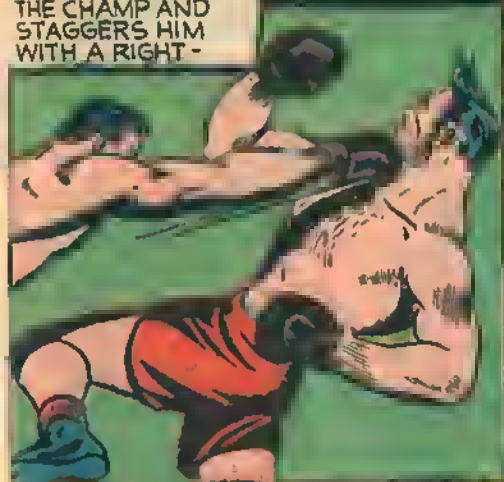
KAYO WARD

KAYO WARD HAS FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE CHAMP IN THE LITTLE SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC OF SAN PAULO WITH THE AID OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. HE HAS MANAGED TO CROWD THE CHAMP INTO A TITLE FIGHT WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN THE COURTYARD OF THE REPUBLIC'S JAIL...



King
Brother

AS THE FIGHT BEGINS KAYO RUSHES AT THE CHAMP AND STAGGERS HIM WITH A RIGHT -

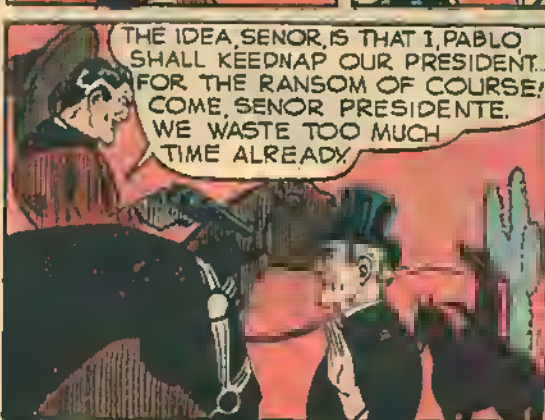
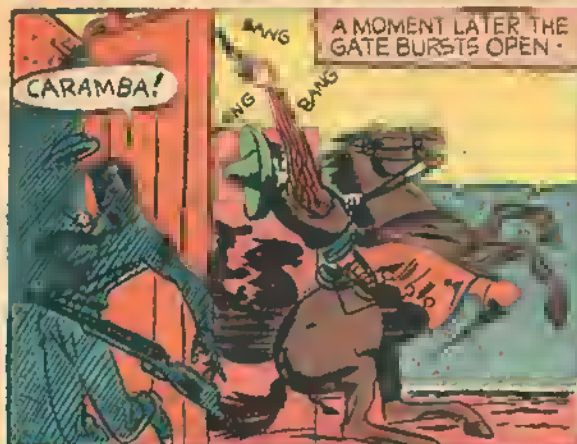


SUDDENLY A VOLLEY OF SHOTS IS HEARD COMING FROM OUTSIDE THE YARD ---



AND - GOLLY! WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE THE FOURTH OF JULY!







WHERE ARE THEY TAKIN' THE PRESIDENT?
I CAN'T TELL YOU, SENOR!



OKAY, BUDDY, MAYBE I CAN POUND IT OUT OF YOU!

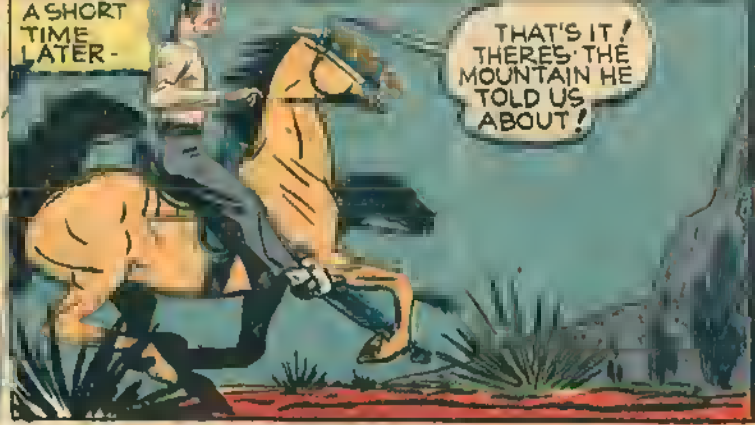
WAIT!
WAIT!
I TELL!



THERE IS A PEAK ABOUT 10 MILES FROM TOWN, ALONG THE RIVER ROAD. THEIR HIDEOUT IS THERE!
YOU BETTER BE TELLIN' THE TRUTH, BUDDY!

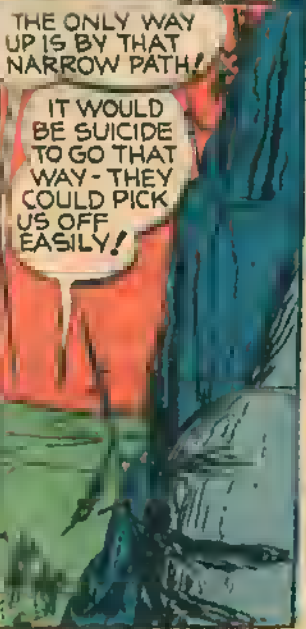


TAKE THIS GUY TO THE GUARD HOUSE AND GET SOME MEN AND HORSES - WE'RE GOIN' AFTER THOSE GUYS!



A SHORT TIME LATER -

THAT'S IT! THERE'S THE MOUNTAIN HE TOLD US ABOUT!



THE ONLY WAY UP IS BY THAT NARROW PATH!

IT WOULD BE SUICIDE TO GO THAT WAY - THEY COULD PICK US OFF EASILY!



HOW ABOUT THIS SIDE? THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OF CLIMBING UP THE HILL!

NO, SENOR, IT IS TOO DANGEROUS!



HMM. I THINK IT CAN BE DONE!

BUT SENOR WARD YOU WILL
BE KEELED / LOOK HOW
HIGH EET EET

I GOTTA RISK
IT GIMME A
BOOST UP
TO THE FIRST
LEDGE, HUM?

AGAINST THE STRONG
PROTESTS OF THE
SOLDIERS KAYO
STARTS TO
CLIMB THE
TREACHER-
OUS PEAK--

PULLING HIMSELF UP OVER
NARROW LEDGES --

PUFF
PUFF

GRASPING AT BITS
OF OVERHANGING
SHRUBBERY---

BOY, THIS IS EVEN
TOUGHER THAN IT
LOOKS!

PHEW--I'M GLAD
THAT'S OVER!

KAYO PEERS INTO ONE
OF THE WINDOWS AND
SEES--

IT'S THE PRESIDENT!
WHAT LUCK!

SUDDENLY--

SO WE
HAVE
COMPANY!
COME WITH US--
WE WILL ENTER-
TAIN YOU!

SENOR PABLO!--- LOOK WHO WE
FIND SNEAKING AROUND

SO!--- IT EES
THAT BOX-
FIGHTER!

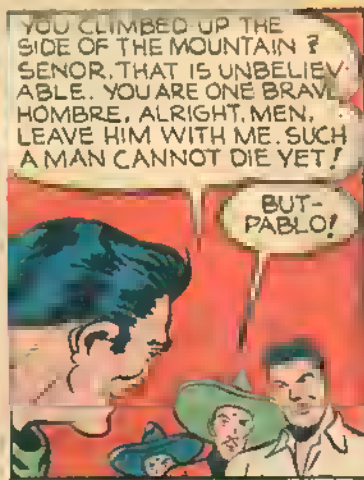


OH, THAT IS TOO BAD! I AM AFRAID WE WILL HAVE TO SHOOT YOU, SENOR! WHAT A PITY!



BUT FIRST YOU MUST TELL ME HOW YOU CAME HERE WITHOUT BEING STOPPED BY MY LOOKOUTS!

CLIMBED UP THE BACK WAY!



YOU CLIMBED UP THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN? SENOR, THAT IS UNBELIEVABLE. YOU ARE ONE BRAVE HOMBRE, ALRIGHT, MEN, LEAVE HIM WITH ME. SUCH A MAN CANNOT DIE YET!

BUT- PABLO!



I THINK PABLO EES GOING SOFT IN THE HEAD!

OR MAYBE HE TRY TO PULL A FAST ONE ON US!



SOON AFTER-

SO, AMIGOS, I THINK IT IS TIME WE TAKE A HAND IN THIS - NO?



LET US HAVE A SHOWDOWN WITH PABLO!

SI, RIGHT AWAY!

YOU'RE RIGHT, LUIS. WE MUST LOOK OUT FOR OURSELVES!



MEANWHILE -

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FRIENDS AS LOYAL AS YOU SENOR KAYO. ANY MAN WHO WOULD RISK HIS LIFE FOR A FRIEND AS YOU HAVE IS A MAN WORTH KNOWING!



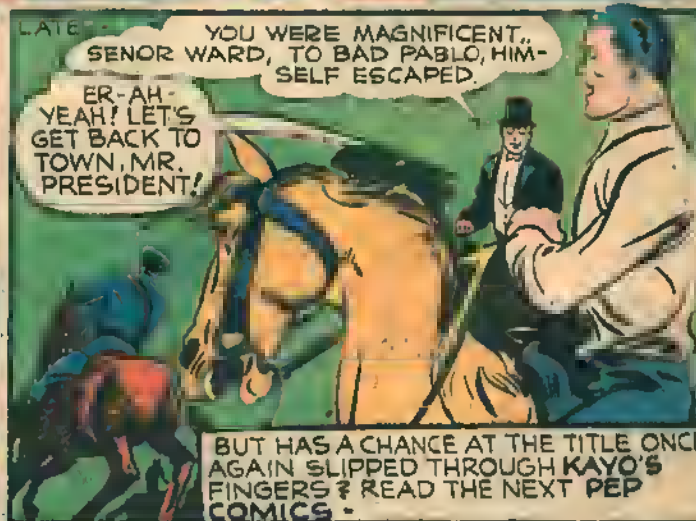
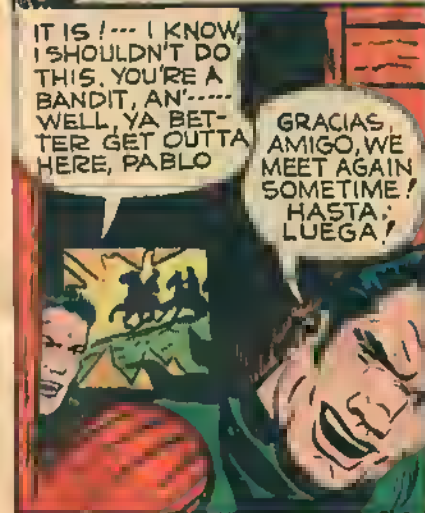
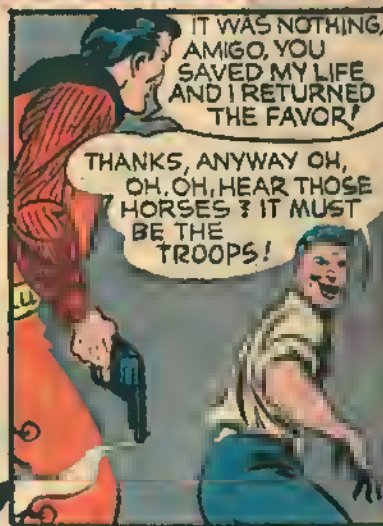
SUDDENLY

ALRIGHT, PABLO, HAND HIM OVER, WE'RE RUNNING THINGS NOW!



YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURS, TOO!

UNNOTICED BY THE GUNMAN, KAYO REACHES BEHIND HIM FOR THE BOTTLE --




BUT HAS A CHANCE AT THE TITLE ONCE AGAIN SLIPPED THROUGH KAYO'S FINGERS? READ THE NEXT PEP COMICS -




BENTLEY


of SCOTLAND YARD



IN THE EERIE SILENCE OF A LONELY OAK GROVE, THE ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS MEETS AND PERFORMS ITS SACRED RITUAL. THROUGH THE CENTURIES, ALL WHO DARE TO TRESPASS ON THEIR GROVE ARE SUBJECT TO THEIR ANCIENT AND TERRIBLE CURSE!

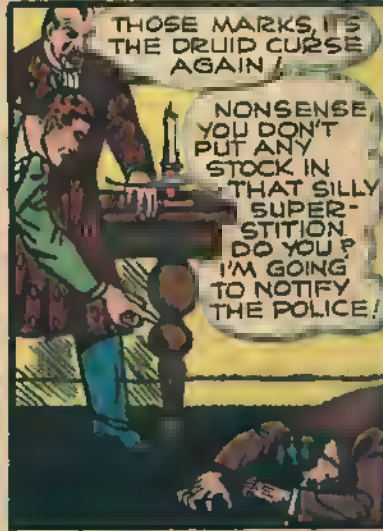


ONE NIGHT SIR ROGER STEYNE, HIS WIFE, THEIR DAUGHTER AND HER FIANCE ARE TALKING EXCITEDLY!



COME, COME SIR ROGER. YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE DRUIDS WALK AT NIGHT, DO YOU?

I CAN'T GET OVER THAT FOOL ALFRED GOING WALKING ON DRUID NIGHT



LATER, AT SCOTLAND YARD

GENTLEMEN, THERE'S BEEN A DEATH REPORTED UP AT SIR ROGER STEYNE'S PLACE AND SOMETHING ABOUT A DRUID CURSE
THE PLACE



I WANT YOU TO RUN UP AND CHECK ON IT MC CARTHY, I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A ROUTINE



YOU KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE, THAT THERE IS SOMETHING BEHIND THIS DRUID BUSINESS, CHIEF!

NON-SENSE, BENTLEY. YOU'RE TOO SUSPICIOUS!



AT THE STEYNE ESTATE

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO'S WHO?

I'M SIR HAROLD STEYNE!---MY BROTHER, ROGER, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER!



YOU CAN RETIRE IF YOU LIKE. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS FROM HERE ON!

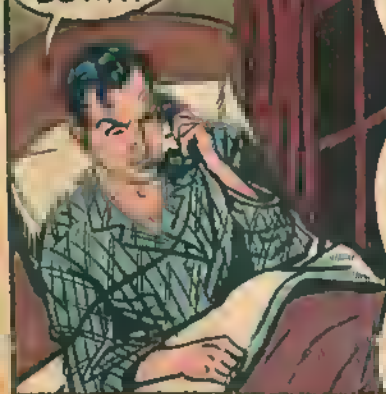
THANK YOU DETECTIVE MC CARTHY!



LATER THAT NIGHT, AT BENTLEY'S HOME...



WHAT'S THAT! MC CARTHY KILLED! I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN!



LATER

IT'S FANTASTIC, BENTLEY. HE WAS FOUND DEAD. POISONED FROM A SNAKE BITE

I HAD A HUNCH THERE WAS SOMETHING TO THAT DRUID BUSINESS



I'M GOING TO HAVE A RUN UP THERE, MYSELF AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND!

I WISH YOU WOULD BENTLEY!



LATER, BENTLEY ARRIVE
AT THE HAUNTED OAK
GROVE!

SO THIS IS THE PLACE
WHERE THE SPOOKS
HANG OUT!

SUDDENLY--

HMM!--

STRANGE!--
LOOKS LIKE
SOMEONE WAS
DIGGING FOR
SOMETHING
HERE

WHAT!
WHERE'D
YOU
COME
FROM!

I'LL FIND OUT WHAT'S
UNDER THAT BED-
SHEET!

THE HOODED FIGURE LASHES
OUT LIGHTNING-LIKE.
AND BENTLEY FALLS TO
THE GROUND.

AND ----

THEN IT DISAPPEARS
IN THE DARKNESS!

MOMENTS
LATER

OOO.WHAT
A WALLOP!

MY LEG, IT'S NUMB,
I CAN'T GET UP!

JUPITER! I'VE BEEN BITTEN BY A SNAKE, I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THE VENOM.



I'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY CHANCES WITH THIS KNIFE!



BENTLEY THEN TAKES HIS KNIFE AND CUTS AWAY THE POISON FROM HIS LEG.



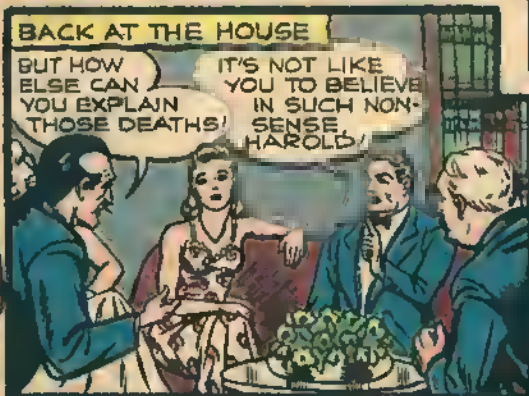
THIS'LL HOLD UNTIL I GET TO THE HOUSE



BACK AT THE HOUSE

BUT HOW ELSE CAN YOU EXPLAIN THOSE DEATHS!

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BELIEVE IN SUCH NON-SENSE, HAROLD!



SUDDENLY

WHAT'S THAT!

SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR!



I'M INSPECTOR BENTLEY OF SCOTLAND YARD!

GREAT HEAVENS! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU!



I'VE BEEN BITTEN BY A SNAKE, FOLKS---A HUMAN SNAKE, THE MURDERER OF INSPECTOR MCCARTHY AND ALFRED STEYNE, AND HE'S IN THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW!



INSPECTOR BENTLEY KNOWS WHO THE MYSTERIOUS HOODED KILLER IS?

DO YOU?

CHECK THIS LIST AND THEN TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE----

1. SIR ROGER STEYNE
2. HIS DAUGHTER, IRENE
3. HER FIANCE
4. HER BROTHER, HAROLD
5. LADY RUTH STEYNE





HAVE ANY OF YOU LEFT THE HOUSE THIS EVENING?

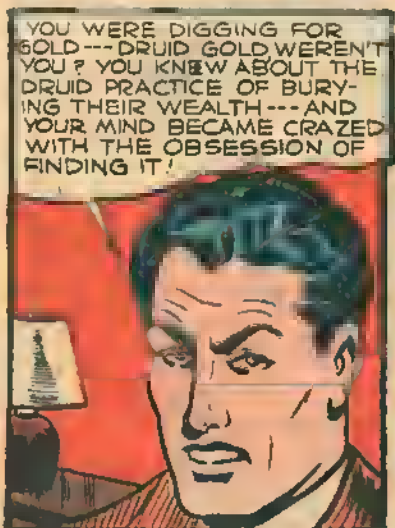
WHY, NO!



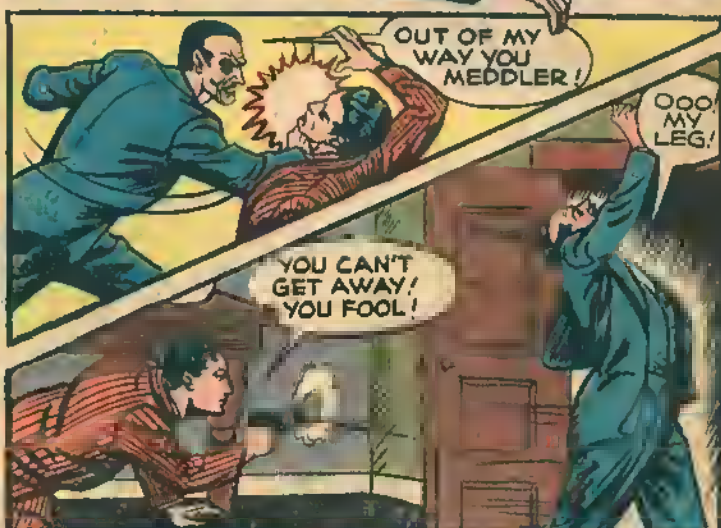
YOU'RE LYING! YOU WERE OUTSIDE TONIGHT, AS A MATTER OF FACT IT WAS YOU WHO ATTACKED ME IN THE OAK GROVE!



THIS BIT OF CRUSHED ACORN WHICH YOU SO CARELESSLY LEFT ON THE TIP OF YOUR SHOE CONVINCES ME!



YOU WERE DIGGING FOR GOLD---DRUID GOLD WEREN'T YOU? YOU KNEW ABOUT THE DRUID PRACTICE OF BURYING THEIR WEALTH---AND YOUR MIND BECAME CRAZED WITH THE OBSESSION OF FINDING IT!



OUT OF MY WAY YOU MEDDLER!

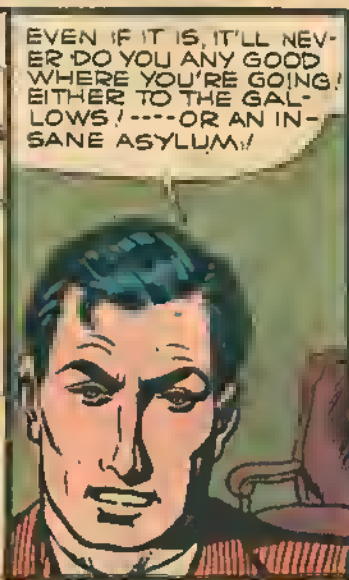
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY! YOU FOOL!

OOO MY LEG!



YOU USED A SNAKE FOR YOUR MURDERING BECAUSE YOU KNEW THE SNAKE WAS THE SACRED SYMBOL OF THE DRUIDS---AND ALL FOR GOLD YOU ONLY THOUGHT IT EXISTED!

IT'S THERE I TELL YOU!--- I KNOW IT'S THERE AND I'D HAVE FOUND IT, BUT FOR YOU.



EVEN IF IT IS, IT'LL NEVER DO YOU ANY GOOD WHERE YOU'RE GOING! EITHER TO THE GALLOWS!---OR AN INSANE ASYLUM!



WHEN ALFRED STEVNE AND MCCARTHY STUMBLED ON YOU, YOU KILLED THEM. FORTUNATELY I WAS ABLE TO SAVE MYSELF!

EVERY ISSUE OF PED COMICS BRINGS YOU ANOTHER THRILLING BENTLEY MYSTERY.

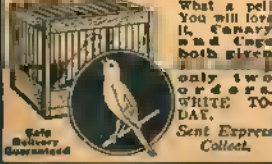


Chon—
BOYS·GIRLS
MEN·WOMEN

PICK YOUR PRIZE

THESE PRIZES ARE GIVEN TO YOU—Just send for 30 packets of easy selling Garden Spot Seeds which you can easily and quickly sell to your friends and neighbors at 10c each. Return the \$3.00 collected and select your Prize in accordance to our offers. **SEND NO MONEY—WE TRUST YOU.**

Real Live CANARY



What a sell you will have. It, Canary and Cage both given for only two orders. **WRITE TODAY.** Sent Express Collect.



RADIO
Pocket Size
Needs no batteries or electrical connections. Sell only two 30 pkts. 10c.

Beautiful DINNER SET



This beautiful set given for selling only 10 orders of seeds. Sent Express Collect.

VIOLIN, BOW & INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN



Handsome finish, highly polished. **POSITIVELY NOT A TOY.** GIVEN for selling only 4 orders. **MAIL THE COUPON TODAY. BE FIRST.**

A COMPLETE FISHING OUTFIT



Send the instrument for you will not can afford those of larger size. Only 30 pkts. of Garden Spot seeds at 10 cts. a pkt.

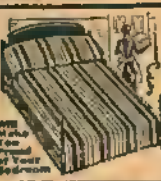
22 Piece TABLEWARE SET GIVEN



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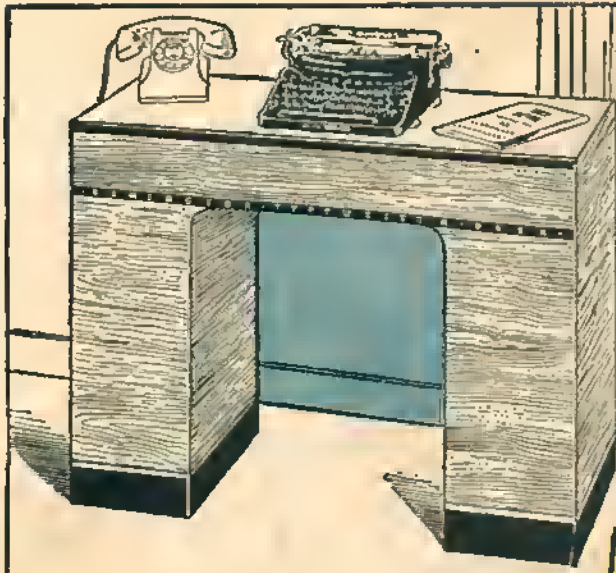
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